

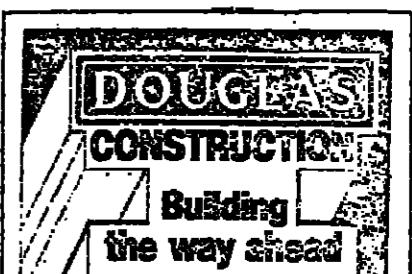


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SCARGILL IN KINNOCK SHOWDOWN

Leader 'must say where he stands'

THE miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, yesterday appeared to be heading for a "showdown" with Mr Kinnock when he challenged Labour's leader to say exactly where he stands on all aspects of the pit dispute at a public meeting on Friday.

Mr Kinnock, who has not attended any of the NUM's recent morale-boosting rallies, has been accused of lacking total commitment to the strike by his party's Left-wing and the union.

In other developments yesterday, two working miners who have been victims of intimidation—one has had his home set on fire and the other attacked with baseball bats—appealed to the union to "get rid of Arthur Scargill."

In Nottinghamshire, where most miners are working, the union's area executive is to discuss a call to end the ban on overtime which was introduced nationally several months before the strike started.

Other pit news—P2

Challenge from Left

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, said yesterday that he will expect the Labour leader, Mr Kinnock, to say "where he stands on every single question affecting the miners' dispute" when the two men speak at a Labour party meeting this week.

It was taken as an indication that Mr Scargill is seeking a showdown with Mr Kinnock, whom he has accused of lacking total commitment to the strike.

The two men have participated in what has amounted to a political stand-off since the Labour leader declined to attend any of Mr Scargill's programme of morale-boosting rallies earlier this month.

He argued that he had prior engagements, but it was widely interpreted as a snub for the miners' leadership.

This week's meeting, to take place at Stoke-on-Trent on Friday, is organised by the Labour party and Mr Kinnock has invited Mr Scargill and his team to share the platform.

'Superb backing' praised

Stoke is in the heart of the Midlands coalfields and a heavy attendance of miners is expected.

Although Mr Kinnock has addressed miners' leaders in his own Welsh constituency of Islwyn, he has not up to now attended a major strike gathering.

The Labour party has been represented at the NUM rallies by its Left-wing general secretary, Mr Jim Mortimer, and its former chairman, Mr Eric Heffer.

Mr Scargill, speaking on BBC Radio World this weekend yesterday, paid tribute to the "quite superb" backing given by Mr Mortimer and Mr Heffer and to the "absolutely wonderful support" by the Labour party in general.

He made no mention of Mr Kinnock until asked. He then said: "No doubt on

Notts overtime ballot

By JAMES O'BRIEN

THE NUM's national overtime ban could be voted out by Nottinghamshire's 30,500 miners next month. A resolution calling for branch ballots on the ban from one colliery has been accepted by the union's area executive.

It will be discussed today by the Area Council which is expected to refer the resolution to the 31 branches.

Gounds given by the executive for accepting the resolution are that 12 months have now elapsed since the ban was introduced. It extends to weekend maintenance work but in the last three weeks this has been

About 13 pits were believed to be working overtime or maintenance two weekends ago. Coal has not been cut at weekend or outside normal shift hours during the nine-month strike.

An NUM Nottinghamshire branch secretary said yesterday: "There is tremendous support for an end to the overtime ban. Some pits have already started working at coronary by-pass surgery.

'Get rid of Scargill' appeal

By JOHN WILLIAMS

TWO working Yorkshire miners, the latest victims of pit strike intimidation, yesterday met in a hospital ward and appealed to other miners: "Get rid of Arthur Scargill."

Mr Stewart Spencer, 32, left the burned-out ruins of his home at Upton, near Pontefract, to visit another working colleague, Mr Michael Fletcher, who was attacked by hooded men with baseball bats in his home at Castleford on Friday. Mr Fletcher, 24, still in pain from his broken shoulder, broken ankle, bruised ribs and other injuries, shook hands with Mr Spencer and said: "All our fellow miners should get back to work and change the union rules so that the NUM president has to be re-elected every three years."

Mr Spencer, whose home was set on fire early on Saturday, also called for a change in the rules "so that we can change the NUM presidency."

He added: "What they have done to Michael is disgusting. I firmly believe it is the branch of the NUM which has taken part in all this."

'Threat to daughter'

He accused the NUM of trying to kill his two-year-old daughter, Rebecca, in the fire.

Striking miners had threatened to kill Rebecca only days before the blaze, he said.

"They emphasised they would kill my daughter and the main target in this blaze was her bedroom. That sums it up."

Mr Scargill, in a BBC Radio interview yesterday, said of the attackers: "I will not subscribe in any way to condemning miners who are demonstrating on picket lines for their right to work. That is their only crime."

But he went on: "Nobody in this union would subscribe to attacks on people's houses."

He denied the union had ever been involved in violence.

Mr Spencer said he would be returning to his job at Adel Colliery, Castleford, tomorrow.

He and his wife, Karen, 27, left their bungalow last week after a 120-strong mob gathered outside and threatened him and

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CBI SEEK £2 bn BUDGET TAX BOOST

By Our Business Correspondent

A wide-ranging tax boost to the economy through personal and business tax cuts to sustain the recovery is being sought by the TUC conference of trade unions.

The employers' body will consider the Budget package at a meeting on Wednesday in the wake of CBI reports today forecasting that the recovery will extend into 1986.

CBI leaders want around £600 million of the tax cuts to reduce business taxation and £1 billion for income tax changes. They also want a £1 billion programme of road, sewerage and other sector investment from public spending savings.

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NEW CEILING ON REGIONAL STATE AID

By Our Business Correspondent

Wide-ranging changes in Government aid for the regions with a new ceiling on grants for job creation will be announced by Mr Lamont, Industry Minister, on Wednesday.

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man, of Sevenoaks Avenue, Mackworth, Derby, said: "I am not a troublemaker but I saw red and went for him. He gets up my nose."

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WHY I TRIED TO HIT SCARGILL

By Our Business Correspondent

Samuel Bates, 59, a life-long trade unionist who has never been on strike, explained yesterday why he tried to hit Arthur Scargill on the nose at the weekend.

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TWO DIE IN RIVER CRASH

Two men died, believed to be drowned in their car which crashed upside down into a river beside the A38 at Brookbridge, Somerset, yesterday.

One was the driver, James

Kenna, 22, of Gore Road,

Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, and the other, about the same age, yet to be identified.

The area executive has said it

will not accept the NCB's 5-28

per cent pay offer but it is becoming increasingly likely that branches will refer that decision back to the executive and force it to concede to members' wishes and let the Board pay the money.

MURRAY IMPROVES

Mr Lionel Murray, 62, former

general secretary of the Trades

Union Congress, is continuing

to improve in the National

Heart Hospital, London, follow-

ing coronary bypass surgery.

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SENIOR 'REBEL' AT GCHQ SEEKS RETIREMENT

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

MR DENNIS MITCHELL, a senior specialist at the Government communications centre at Cheltenham and one of six appellants named in last week's House of Lord's ruling, has written to Mr Peter Marychurch, GCHQ director, asking for early retirement.

He is the first of the six "test case" appellants, on whom the case against the union ban at GCHQ has been built, to indicate a desire to quit the fight.

His name was to have been included in the case to which the Council of Civil Service Unions is to submit to the European Court of Human Rights.

Such complaints have to be related to alleged injustice to individual members.

Mr Mitchell is one of a significant number of senior and middle-ranking staff among the 350 "rebels" defying the union ban. Unions believe he is the first to ask for premature release.

The Government is expected to take a sympathetic view to the unions' application but trade union loyalists, whose continued presence at GCHQ it has said is no longer acceptable, following the Lords' ruling supporting the ban.

Will be others

Yesterday, Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, which is co-ordinating the union campaign, said he sympathised with Mr Mitchell and accepted that there would be others who wished to follow the same course.

But he said the majority of the trade unionists would continue their fight, despite the management's warning that union members will soon have to finally decide whether to resign their union membership or face transfer or dismissal.

Left-wing leadership
If contempt is proved and fines levied, the likely course of events would seem to be a repeat of the South Wales National Union of Mineworkers saga with the sequestration of the transport workers union's assets.

If Austin Rover decide then to pursue action for damages, the union could be liable to be ordered to pay up to £250,000 towards the cost of the 2½ week stoppage.

Both the unions now facing contempt action have a predominantly Left-wing leadership. But AUEW (TASS) intends to be legally represented in the High Court today and to fight the case against it.

CRIME INCREASES

Crime in the Thames Valley rose by 6·1 per cent. in the first nine months of this year, with the biggest increase in the area's 72,113 recorded offences coming from criminal damage, burglaries, arson and thefts from motor vehicles, according to the latest report from Mr Peter Lambert, Chief Constable.



'SELL BACK HOMES' DILEMMA

By Our Political Staff

THOUSANDS of tenants who bought system-built Airey houses from their councils, and then won the right to sell them back when defects appeared, have learned that they must decide on the sale by this Thursday because of an unpublicised change in the law.

Under an Environment Department circular issued in September 1985, they were given until next September to set up a joint management - union "national forum" to discuss the company's future.

Union requests for such a forum have been rejected by the old management on three occasions in two years. Mr David Warburton, secretary of the Dunlop joint unions committee, said: "The workforce had lost faith in the company's leadership whose management had been

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Commons debate
They were offered 90 per cent. repair grants — a scheme which will be reviewed in a Commons debate tomorrow night — or the option of re-purchase by the council they had bought from.

Many of the occupiers decided to wait until the last minute to sell back their homes, so as not to forfeit the discount they had been granted when they bought them in the first place. Under the law this discount — around £1,500 in the case of Airey houses — had to be paid back if the houses were sold again in five years, and for most buyers September is outside that deadline.

Loss of trust
He said: "My view — and I know it is shared by others — is that in fulfilling the kind of duties we undertake at GCHQ we must have total trust in our employers. I feel I am not accountable simply to my employer or even to the Crown but to mankind. In my case that trust no longer exists."

Mr Mitchell said he did not sign the option form giving up his trade union rights because he believed the workforce was an essential watchdog and its freedom to join the union was critical to this.

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A drinker (right) arguing with a member of the Lord's Day Observance Society in Belfast yesterday after the RUC had closed 30 pubs that opened in defiance of the law. Publicans throughout the province are trying to get the law changed to allow Sunday opening, which is confined to private drinking clubs.

Edwardes 'must earn confidence of unions'

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

SIR Michael Edwardes, chairman of Dunlop, is warned by the company's trade union leaders in a statement today that he will have to earn their confidence after the sale by this Thursday because of an unpublicised change in the law.

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Short mandate
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MINERS CLAIM WORLD RECORD

Four miners in central Yugoslavia are claiming a world record for digging coal non-stop for 100 hours.

The leader of the miners, who want their feat listed in the Guinness Book of Records, said: "We wished to show loafers how long one can work."

Coal Board members mainly part-timers

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

OF the 10 members of the National Coal Board, which has responsibility for managing the industry, four are full-timers.

The remaining six, all of whom are selected and appointed by the Energy Secretary, are part-time members chosen for their specialist qualifications.

The four full-time Board members are:

Mr Ian MacGregor (Chairman);

Mr James Cowan (Deputy Chairman); Mr Brian Harrison (Member for Finance); and Mr Merrick Spanton (Member for Personnel).

The six part-time members are:

Mr Colin Barker, Chairman of the British Technology Group and former managing director (Finance) of the British Steel Corporation.

Mr David Donne, a lawyer, Chairman of Steetley plc and Deloitte plc.

Mr Tom MacPherson, director of Birmin Quascast.

Mr Peter Michael, deputy chairman UEL plc.

Mr David Newbiggin, until recently Chairman and Chief Executive of Jardine Matheson.

Sir Melvin Rosser, a chartered accountant. A partner in Deloitte, Hoskins and Sells. Their pav in 1983-84 is shown

Mr BILL GOODE

Mr Bill Goode, National Union of Mineworkers agent for Gwent, was reported in the DAILY TELEGRAPH on Saturday as saying he had been told it

was a member of the union who dangled a noose in front of Mr Norman Willis, TUC General Secretary, at a recent miners' rally. In fact, Mr Goode said: "I have been told it was not an NUM member who lowered the rope."

CONSUMER GUIDE FOR DIRECTORS

By Our Business Correspondent

Directors are urged in a guide today to take consumer protection more seriously and are reminded that they could face fines or imprisonment for negligence.

The guide, from the Institute of Directors, to its 30,000 members, says: "Customers are the foundation on which all business rests and it is not good business to injure them or upset them." It points out that directors may be personally liable for offences committed by employees.

Not taking action

Building societies say that they are unable to assess what extent miners' families may be receiving and keeping interest benefit, but they are all willing to suspend collection of mortgage payments from miners and others hit by the strike.

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Hattersley faces test with Left

By NICHOLAS COMFORT
Political Staff

MR ROY HATTERLEY undergoes the first critical test of his authority as deputy Labour leader today when the Commons debates the curbing of benefits to strikers' families — the issue over which demonstrators forced the abandonment of last Wednesday's sitting.

With Mr Kinnoch away in Moscow, it was left to his deputy to urge Labour MPs to avoid any repetition of that night's vehement scenes during today's debate, and let the "meanness" of the Government's ruling speak for itself.

Mr Eric Heffer, one of the leaders of Wednesday's protest, is unrepentant at their action. He said yesterday that they were ready to demonstrate against future Government actions of the same type "within good Parliamentary practice."

But the signs are that Mr Hattersley's appeal for order and unity will be observed.

Tribune attack

Mr Hattersley is not down to speak in today's debate, which will be opened by Mr Michael Meacher, Shadow Social Services Secretary, but any breach of discipline would be taken as reflecting his authority, given the views he expressed at last Thursday's party meeting.

There is special help for the very old with a 15 per cent improvement in the age allowance for war widows and automatic help with heating for supplementary benefit recipients over the age of 83.

Pensioners angry

But the £1 cut in heating allowances, imposed on all those who receive the long-term rate of supplementary benefit irrespective of age, has angered pensioners' organisations.

Age Concern, the national old people's welfare council, says that the heating cut means that pension rises will only be worth an extra 65p a week to thousands of pensioners.

New rates of the main benefits (with current figures in brackets)

RETIREMENT PENSION: single person £35-80 (£34-05); married couple £57-30 (£54-50).

CHILD BENEFIT: £6-85 (£6-50).

SICKNESS BENEFIT: single person under pension age: £27-25 (£25-85); over pension age: £34-25 (£32-60).

MOBILITY ALLOWANCE: £20

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT: single person: £45-35 (£45-50).

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT: single person: £28-45 (£27-05); couple: £46 (£45-75).

The Child Poverty Action

Mortgage rate cut is blow to strikers

By Our City Staff

THE mortgage rate cut will leave less cash in the hands of striking miners who have been claiming interest payments from social security offices but failing to pay the money to their building societies.

This is a further financial squeeze on the strikers who, from next week, will have £1 docked from welfare benefit payments.

Besides not wanting to antagonise the miners, who are regarded as very good customers in normal times, building societies are well aware that it would be futile to repossess miners' homes.

The social security system allows the State to pay strikers' families the interest that they should pay on their mortgages, but this is paid directly to the lender, and in some cases the families are keeping it, allowing the mortgage interest to roll-up.

Despite some MP's pleas for social security interest payments to be made directly to miners, no change in the law is imminent.

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Pensions increase as State welfare nears £40bn

By DAVID FLETCHER
Social Services Correspondent

PENSIONS and all other social security benefits go up from today in a controversial uprating which will lift the cost of state welfare to a record of nearly £40 billion, almost one third of all public spending.

Group 3 is equally disgruntled with the 35p rise in child benefit and says that the benefit would now be £7-60 (instead of £6-85) if it had been raised in line with personal tax allowances.

The increases have given rise to the greatest controversy for years because they include deductions of an extra £1 from benefits for strikers' families and reduction of £1 in payments for heating old peoples' homes.

On the positive side, pensions will go up by 5·1 per cent, slightly ahead of the expected rate of inflation in coming months, lifting the single person's pension to £35-80 and the couple's pension to £57-30.

Child benefit will rise by 35p a week to £6-85 and unemployment benefit will go up by £1-40 for a single person to £28-45 and by £2-25 to £46 a week for a married couple.

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CND DUCK VOTE ON 'RUSSIAN MISSILES' DEMO

By CHARLES LAURENCE

CND backed away from a commitment to campaign as strongly against Russian nuclear weapons as those held by Britain and Nato at its annual conference in Sheffield yesterday.

Delegates approved a constitutional ploy to avoid taking a vote on the resolution and instructed the ruling council to organise an anti-Soviet demonstration and produce leaflets on the Warsaw Pact arsenal.

Instead, they moved on to "next business" at the end of a debate described by Mrs Joan Ruddock, chairman, as "contentious," without voting.

Mrs Ruddock said: "It means that we have decided not to put this to the vote because there is a feeling of divisiveness."

"But we are absolutely clear that we adhere to existing policy that leaves no doubt at all to our absolute opposition to new deployment. The Soviet Union has undertaken in the Eastern bloc countries."

CND is to go ahead with "Operation Christmas Cards" on Dec. 8, which involves demonstrating outside the Russian, Czech and East German embassies in London, and sending thousands of Christmas cards with a CND message to both officials and ordinary people in the Soviet bloc.

Principal opposition to the Russian campaign came from members of the Communist party of Great Britain.

Mr Ian Davison, a Communist and secretary of Scottish CND, put forward the "no-vote" ploy. He called the resolution "unfortunate, divisive and unnecessary," warning that if demonstrations against the Russian bloc were called, and failed to attract large numbers, it would be said that only a minority of CND members were opposed to Soviet weapons.

He also said that if his no-vote motion failed, delegates should vote for the resolution "or the Press will make mince meat of us."

America mostly to blame

Mr Jon Bloomfield, another Communist, said that the "political thrust" of the resolution was wrong and that there were three principal views held within CND. That:

America was entirely to blame for the arms race and the Soviet Union could do no wrong.

Both sides were equally to blame. And his own view, which he said was in the majority, that America was mostly, but not entirely to blame.

It was this majority view that would be "squeezed" by an active campaign against the Soviets.

Mrs Mary Brennan, also a Communist, suggested the way forward was to have more contact with the Kremlin-sponsored official Peace Committees, while another delegate, Mr Tom Cuthbert, from Rugby, thought CND's real task lay in teaching people that the "danger comes from the superpower which is occupying Britain now."

CND moderates behind the plan described it as "politically vital to be seen to be equally opposed to both Soviet and Nato arms."

Miss Mary Gill, of Oxford, said: "We must show that we are not pro or anti Soviet or American, but against all the weapons that threaten all of us."

Prof. E. P. Thompson, founder of the European Nuclear Dis-

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Cruise village 'will not be another Greenham'

By JOHN SHAW

THE Government had plans to prevent "another Greenham" at RAF Molesworth, the Cambridgeshire site of the second cruise missile base in Britain. Mr John Major, Conservative MP for Huntingdon, told worried villagers at the weekend.

It had "learned a lot" from the protest at Greenham Common, Berkshire. "We didn't like what we saw there and after the fence is put up at Molesworth, arrangements will be made to prevent another Greenham in this area."

He declined to reveal details of the plans or when the eviction of 100 peace protesters already camped on the site would take place. Molesworth is to be the main target of CND activity.

"At a proper time they will be removed lock, stock and barrel—and chapel," he said in a reference to a stone peace chapel built by demonstrators at the airfield entrance.

"It isn't in the far distance and when we remove them we will do so in such a way that we'll prevent the return of others."

At present the former wartime American bomber base lacks even a perimeter fence. But construction work is due to start next year with the aim of making the airfield operational with 64 cruise missiles by 1988.

The site is in a very rural area and villagers fear their way of life will be changed.

COUPLE DEAD AFTER ROW

Police last night refused to disclose the cause of death of a young couple whose bodies were found in a Birmingham house on Saturday. They were named as Margaret Kendall, 27, of Carmadale Road, Great Barr, and John Meade, 25, of Bayswater Road, Aston, Birmingham.

The bodies were found at Miss Kendall's house after neighbours heard the couple arguing. Police said no other person was being sought and an inquest would open tomorrow.



Rapt concentration from Miss Ange Stephens as she demonstrates fire-walking—soon to be introduced in this country.

Just the odd blister in fire-walking fad

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

THERE will be a London try out next month for the ancient ritual of fire-walking, now considered to be the latest path to self improvement by leaders of the so-called "Human Potential" movement in California.

Delegates were concerned with civil liberties, claiming that "police thugs" as one speaker called them, were preventing them from exercising their rights to demonstrate peacefully. They feared the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill will be used to clamp down on "dissidents" of the anti-nuclear movement, and passed a resolution aligning CND with the National Council for Civil Liberties in campaigning against the Bill.

Elections for officers and seats on the ruling council saw a slight shift away from the extreme Left, with two Communists, Mr Davison and Mrs Bloomfield, losing their seats on the council, and Prof. Mike Pentz, a former Communist local government candidate quitting his post as vice-chairman.

Three of the four vice-chairmen of CND are Labour party members and one a Socialist feminist.

There are now two Communist party members among the 20 council members elected at conference—the CND regions send another 100 to council—while among others with known political affiliations, there are eight Labour party members, five "Socialists," some with links to Trotskyite organisations, one member of the Ecology party, and one from Christian CND.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft, Liberal MP, was also voted onto the council.

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ILEA's modern maths adds up to integration

By MARCOT NORMAN Education Staff

THE term "modern maths" is being given a new twist by the Inner London Education Authority which is working out ways in which mathematics lessons can be pressed into service of the authority's anti-racist drive.

The new lessons will be ready for schools next September.

Out will go old-fashioned problems like the length of time it takes three workmen to dig a three-foot hole.

And in will come problems about the relative earning power of black South African miners to whites, unemployment among different British ethnic groups, and the official statistics on unemployment, muggings and other crime.

The move on maths follows anti-racist drives by ILEA in history, geography, English and home economics.

Nothing at all

Mr Europ Singh, one of the maths teachers involved in the project, said: "It's worrying that pupils, even at fourth and fifth form level, don't understand the statistics used in newspapers and on television to illustrate such things as unemployment."

Apart from fulfilling their anti-racist brief Mr Singh and his colleagues want to take up the Government-backed Cockcroft Report's observation that "many maths lessons are about nothing at all," and make them relevant.

Asked if all ILEA schools would be required to use the new lessons, Mr Singh, who has been succeeded from Lilian Baylis School in South London, said: "We obviously have no power to force teachers to use them. I expect it will be left up to ourselves and the

authority's advisers to disseminate them."

Miss Dawn Gill, a geography teacher in the team, said it was dangerous to isolate examples from the new materials as they might be misinterpreted.

This is not a socialist bias; what we're talking about is combatting racism," she said. "Even in maths, you can't understand racism outside the context of imperialism and colonialism."

For instance, you can look at 18th century trade statistics to look at the way India's cotton industry was destroyed and Lancashire's cotton industry was built up.

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Science next

"It all helps to counteract the picture white children have of Third World countries through agencies like Oxfam, a picture of poverty, helplessness, no industry and so on."

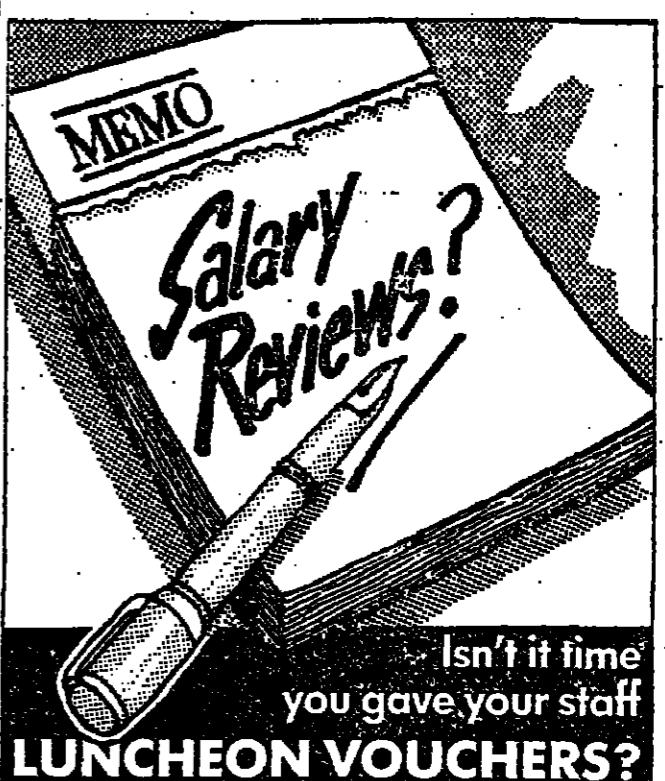
An ILEA spokesman said that science would be the next subject under the anti-racist microscope.

There was no question of making all lessons focus on social and racial issues; this was merely a thread running through all subjects, and the subjects ILEA believed all could do their part in acting racial prejudice.

WOMAN'S £2m WILL

Mrs Barbara Burton, of Castleford, West Yorkshire, who died in May, left £2,428,159 net (£2,478,225 gross) in her will published at the weekend. She left £50,000 to the National Society for Cancer Relief, and the remainder mostly to relatives.

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SHULTZ TALKS WITH GROMYKO 'BREAKING ICE'

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S top national security adviser dismissed as "absurd" yesterday the suggestion that Government moderates and hard-liners were still deeply split on ploys for the American-Russian arms-control talks due to open on Jan. 7-8.

On the contrary, Mr Robert McFarlane claimed in a television interview, the work was "about 85 per cent. complete." If Russia would deal in good faith,

months on the issues involved. The analysis to support serious negotiations in the fields of long-range and medium-range weapons was already "on the shelf," and it was nearly complete in the case of space systems.

But he said that Mr Reagan would still have to choose between options reflecting "the richest diversity of opinion."

Mr McFarlane denied this would lead to paralysis in policy-making, and he predicted:

"We are going to see one of the most agile arms-control decision-making processes in the history of this country."

The White House national security adviser did not check speculation that Mr Paul Nitze, who led the United States team in the medium-range missile talks in Geneva, would be appointed "special envoy" responsible for co-ordinating arms-control strategy.

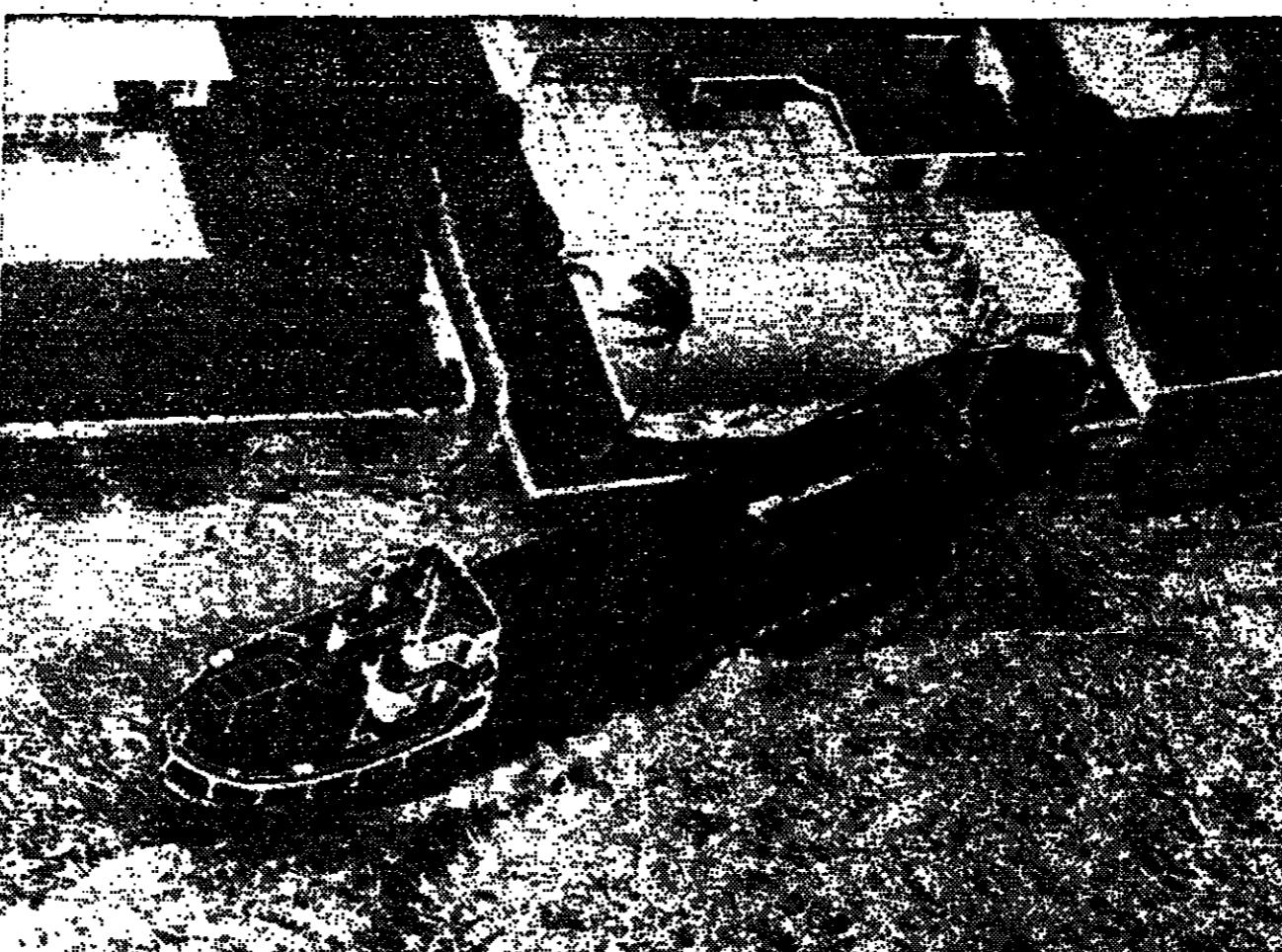
But he did not confirm outright that Mr Nitze would be chosen.

Many arms-control experts in Washington still favour Mr Nitze's "walk in the woods" formula worked out informally during a stroll with his Soviet opposite number in countryside near Geneva.

Under this America would abandon deployment of Pershing 2 missiles in Europe in return for severe limits on Russia's force of SS-20 missiles targeted on the West.

During Mr Reagan's first four-year term American arms-control policy was largely stymied by Right-wing resistance, notably within the civilian leadership of the Pentagon, to State Department proposals for a flexible negotiating strategy.

Asked about this yesterday, Mr McFarlane said all the Government departments concerned had been working for



The bow of the Mercedes I, a 230-ft Venezuelan cargo ship, almost in the swimming pool of a house at Palm Beach, Florida, after the storm-lashed seas had tossed her ashore. The crew walked to safety.

Canada cuts back on immigrants

By ERIC DOWD
in Toronto

CANADA'S new Conservative Government will cut immigration by 6 per cent. next year to preserve available jobs for Canadians at a time of high unemployment.

The Government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, faced with a jobless rate of 11.5 per cent., has set a quota of between 85,000 and 90,000 immigrants from 1985, down from 1984.

Canada allowed in 143,117 immigrants as recently as 1980 and in the post-war peak year of 1967 permitted 222,878 to settle. The record was more than 400,000 in 1915.

The government says it will step up efforts next year to recruit such wealthy immigrants in Hong Kong, where many are anxious to leave

before the British colony reverts to Chinese rule.

The Government, however, will restrict the number of entrepreneurial immigrants to 2,208, the same as this year.

Some immigrant groups criticised the cut in immigration, saying people who come to settle in Canada create jobs rather than take them away from Canadians.

Canada, because of high unemployment, since 1982 has had a basic policy of admitting immigrants of working age only if they have a pre-arranged job which no Canadian can be found to fill.

There are exceptions for close family members already here, refugees, and entrepreneurs who can bring enough money to establish business and create jobs.

The government says it will have jumped ship in the West German Baltic port of Lubbecke-Travemunde, bringing to 429 the number who have defected there and in Hamburg in the past week.

126 JUMP SHIP

By Our Staff Correspondent
in Bonn

URUGUAY VOTES OUT MILITARY

By CRISTINA BONASEGNA
in Buenos Aires

JUBILANT. Uruguayans

went to the polls yesterday in national elections to end 11 years of authoritarian military rule.

More than two million Uruguayans are eligible to vote for a Presidential candidate from the country's three parties; the traditional Blanco and Colorado parties, and the Broad Front, a coalition of Left-wing parties set up in 1971.

More than 40,000 Uruguayans living in exile in neighbouring Brazil and Argentina crowded airports and bus and ferry stations this weekend to join fellow nationals in the election for President. Vice-President, 130 Congressmen, and 18 mayors.

The Colorado party, which held power until a military coup in 1973, is running two candidates. The favourite is Senor Julio Sanguinetti, 48, a lawyer.

The Blanco party named Senor Alberto Zunzunegui, 44, also a lawyer, for the Presidential ticket as the party's popular leader Senor Wilson Ferreira, remains in jail after his arrest last June on his return from exile.

Although both parties lead the running for the Presidency, opinion polls give the Broad Front a great chance of placing the Mayor of Montevideo, the country's capital housing almost half the population.

Worst crisis

The Broad Front group Communists, Socialists, Christian Democrats and Independents. The Front's candidate is Dr Juan Croatto, 76.

The coalition's leader, Gen. Libero Serughi, 67, was banned from running for two years after his release from jail last March. He had been arrested in 1973 for voicing opposition to the military.

The winning party will have the task of steering the country, once known as the "Switzerland of Latin America," through its worst economic crisis.

Foreign debt stands at \$5.5 billion (£4.5 billion), equal to about \$1,800 (£1,475) per head, and unemployment has been officially put at 15 per cent.

Human rights groups have described the military government as one of Latin America's most totalitarian.

GIVEAWAY' VOTE

Focus on Falklands

Argentines lined up to vote yesterday in referendum on the proposed ceding of Beagle Channel islands to Chile, ending a century-old border dispute.

President Alfonsin said ending the "absurd" dispute would enable Argentina to look for a solution to the "more serious issue" of the Falkland Islands.

EX-KING TO HAND OVER GREEK ESTATES

By Our Athens Correspondent

Former King Constantine of the Hellenes, who lives in exile in England, is negotiating the transfer of his palace estates to the Athens government in a compromise settlement over his tax dues.

Mr Gerasimos Arsenis, Greece's Minister of Finance, said that negotiations had been continuing for several months in secrecy. Adl Marios Starides, the King's representative and comptroller-general for his properties, flew to London on Friday for weekend talks.

Sources close to the talks said that the formula being negotiated is for three palace estates to be taken over by the State, but the deposed King would be allowed to keep 400 acres of land, the Tatoi Summer Palace Estate on the outskirts of Athens, which also include the Royal residence itself and the family graves and chapel.

Syrian support 'a dagger in the back of Palestine'

THE Palestine National Council meeting in Amman heard yesterday the most violent attack to date on Syria as sponsor of a boycott by those who oppose Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader.

"Syrian support is like a poisoned dagger in the back of Palestine," said Jasseen Alwan, a former Syrian Cabinet Minister now in exile.

MORE CUTS IN ISRAELI ARMS CASH

By MAIER ASHER

in Jerusalem

THE Israeli Cabinet met for five hours yesterday to discuss cuts in the defence budget as a means of halting the country's runaway inflation.

The presence of an exiled opposition figure from an Arab country is rare at the Palestine National Council, and Palestinian sources said it showed the depth of feeling against Syria, backer of the rebels who drove Arafat out of Lebanon last year.

Syria has campaigned against the Amman meeting being held, demanding that Arafat first be dismissed from leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Alwan's comments contrasted sharply with a conciliatory note struck towards Syria in public by Arafat and his Foreign Minister, Farouk Kaddoumi.

Kadoumi blamed Syria for the 18-month-old rebellion by PLO dissidents, and said it was an attempt to make the PLO into a Syrian puppet. But he said the PLO needed good ties with Damascus and reaffirmed its readiness for dialogue.

Members from America

Arafat has moved to ensure his margin of support in the Palestine National Council by adding 15 members from the Palestinian communities in North and South America, bringing the total of active members to 335.

A member of the central committee of Arafat's dominant Fatah guerrilla group, Hani Shihabi, meanwhile, gave a clear indication that the current session would avoid pronouncing on key issues.

The council's session, notwithstanding the Syrian-backed boycott, has received scores of messages of support. Arafat's name from the Soviet Union so far.

MISSILES KILL 4

Four people were killed in a missile attack by Afghan guerrillas aimed at a Soviet-built residential complex in Kabul — Reuter.

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France playing down Mitterrand-Syria visit

By MICHAEL FIELD in Damascus

PRESIDENT MITTERAND flies to Damascus today for a two-day official visit to Syria, but the Chad fiasco has somewhat reduced his credibility, casting doubt over the impact of a French diplomatic initiative in the Middle East.

His two meetings today and tomorrow with President Hafez Al-Assad are now being given a somewhat lower profile by the Elysee Palace than had at first been forecast.

Officials are at pains to stress that M. Mitterrand's visit is more than just a fact-gathering trip though to call it an "initiative" would be "imprudent."

Three conflicts

This is the first visit to Syria by a French Head of State by the former mandarin territory's independence. Mr Assad visited France in 1976, and there have been numerous ministerial visits on both sides.

The French "excursion" is designed to supplement M. Mitterrand's earlier visits to Saudi Arabia and last year's killing of French soldiers in the Lebanese capital.

There were strong indications of Syrian involvement in both atrocities.

Together with Syrian irritation at French support for Iraq in the Gulf War — Syria is on the side of Iran — this makes a curious background to a friendly State visit.

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BREAKTHROUGH CLOSE ON GIBRALTAR

By ALAN OSBORN Common Market Correspondent
THERE are now clear signs that an agreement on the future of Gibraltar is close after a year of intensive negotiations between Britain and Spain.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, meets his Spanish counterpart, Senor Fernando Moran in Brussels today in what could be the breakthrough. The two have met about six times in the past year.

Each time both sides have expressed satisfaction at progress made by officials.

Britain is anxious to secure the earliest possible opening of the border between Gibraltar and Spain and specifically wants Madrid to implement the 1980 Lisbon Agreement permitting free movement.

Spain, in pursuit of its sovereignty ambitions, has made only very limited concessions to far. Only strict restricted categories of pedestrians are at present allowed to cross.

But Madrid has become increasingly concerned in recent months about the delay in completing negotiations for Spanish entry into the Common Market.

Britain is potentially its strongest ally in moves to overcome the deep-rooted obstacles posed by the entry of Spanish wine producers and fishermen into the Community.

Ease pressures
These obstacles, again to be discussed by EEC Foreign Ministers today, now clearly threaten the scheduled date of January 1, 1986, for Spanish and Portuguese entry.

The Gibraltar deal which now seems to be emerging would provide for the opening of the border next spring, allowing Spanish workers to live and seek work in Gibraltar though subject to some restrictions.

With implementation of the Lisbon Agreement this would help lift economic pressures on Gibraltar and at the same time remove a source of friction in the overall EEC entry negotiations.

But one of the major problems still to be settled apparently is Spain's claim to ultimate sovereignty over the Rock.

Recent comments by Senor Moran have suggested Spain is now taking a much softer line, though for domestic political reasons the Government in Madrid may want to see the claim formally repeated as



The Duchess of Franco, only child of the late Spanish dictator, and her husband, the Marquess of Villaverde, standing in front of Spain's only monument in memory of Franco during a rally in Madrid yesterday on the ninth anniversary of his death. Thousands of marchers, many wearing paramilitary uniforms and giving fascist salutes, took to the streets calling for unity among Right-wing parties.

PAY-OFF ATTACKED

Research cash plea

The Government was asked yesterday to take a stand against huge redundancy payments to Common Market scientific researchers and to demand that the fund is switched to improve conditions for research-starved Britain.

Mr Glyn Ford, Labour Euro MP for Greater Manchester East and himself a research scientist, termed "scandalous" the handout to EEC scientists being retired from a Community nuclear programme at Italy which could amount to £24 million.

EEC employees who are being persuaded to retire at 50 to make way for younger scientists are being offered 70 per cent. of salaries for each year until normal retirement age — which could mean payments of more than £400,000 for senior workers.

Angolan 2-year plan for Cuban pull-back

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNIN in Johannesburg

LONG-RANGE negotiations to secure the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and open the way for an independence settlement for South West Africa (Namibia) are still "on track" despite sharp differences in proposals put forward by the South African and Angolan governments.

Diplomats monitoring the complex manoeuvres said they did not think leaks of the details of the proposals and counter-proposals would seriously impair the negotiations.

President Eduardo dos Santos of Angola angered South Africa by disclosing details of his government's preparations for ordering the phased repatriation of the 30,000-strong Cuban expeditionary force from his country.

The Angolans are demanding the withdrawal of South African forces from southern Angola, a move that is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

Elections pledge

Tunisia also wants a formal declaration by Pretoria that it will implement United Nations Resolution 455, the plan to hold democratic elections in South West Africa and translate the disputed territory into a fully independent Namibia.

In return, the Angolans proposed that Cuban forces would be pulled back to the north of Parallel 16 at the start of the implementation of Resolution 455, and there after be repatriated in units of 5,000 troops at four-monthly intervals over two years.

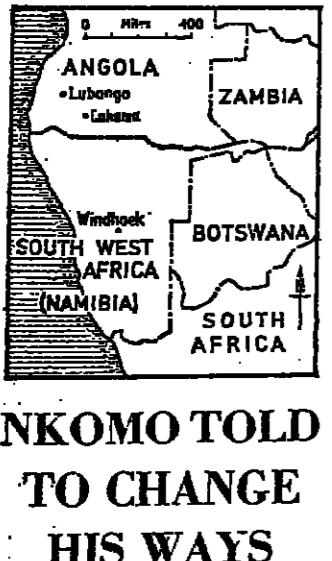
At the end of the two-year period, the remaining Cuban forces would be north of Parallel 13. After 36 months, 5,000 Cubans would remain around Luanda and would be linked with another Cuban force protecting the oil-producing enclave of Cabinda.

12-week pull out

Dr Crocker, the American Under-Secretary of State for Africa, put forward South Africa's counter-offer which suggests that the Cuban force in Angola should be reduced to 8,000 within nine weeks, and be withdrawn from the country entirely within 12 weeks.

Pretoria also wants the Cuban withdrawal to be monitored by a joint verification committee with the facilities to move freely throughout Angola.

South Africa also wants guarantees that the Cuban forces will not be replaced by other foreign forces, and insists that the numbers of East German and Russian "advisors" in Angola should not be increased above the 1976 figures.



NKOMO TOLD TO CHANGE HIS WAYS

By IAN MILLS in Harare

ZIMBABWE'S General Election is several months away but already Opposition parties are the target of tough Government efforts to discredit them.

The Zimbabwe African People's Union party (ZAPU) of Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Opposition leader, is bearing the brunt of attacks from Mr Mugabe, Prime Minister, and his rising Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF).

Mr Mugabe has repeatedly accused ZAPU of masterminding the operations of armed dissidents and the murder of nearly a dozen ZANU officials.

The tone and content of Mr Mugabe's recent statements indicate the possibility of ZAPU being banned before the election in March.

Sparked anger
Mr Mugabe has so far resisted mounting calls from supporters to arrest Mr Nkomo and ban ZAPU. But he warns that the Government's patience is running out.

Mr Nkomo, who continues to deny any control over the dissidents, last month called for a united front among Opposition parties, which also sparked Government anger and attacks.

It is clear that if dissident attacks continue and there is every sign they will, it will take more than Mr Nkomo's denials to save his party.

Fresh peace talks in El Salvador

By MARK FAZIOLLA in Mexico City

NEW peace talks are to be held on Friday between the Government of El Salvador and Leftist guerrillas, the Archbishop of San Salvador, Monsignor Arturo Rivera y Damas announced.

He said Nicaragua also offered to include a clause prohibiting "not to allow foreign military bases on its territory."

No agreement was reached, however, and no date had been set for a resumption of talks.

The Archbishop is to mediate between the two sides, each of which is to send four representatives.

The first peace talks of the five-year-old civil war were held on Oct. 15 in the guerrilla-controlled town of La Palma, and the only agreement made public afterwards was that the two sides would meet again in November.

One source close to the negotiations said the November meeting was postponed "until the last day of the month because Right-wing military commanders opposed any dialogue with the rebels."

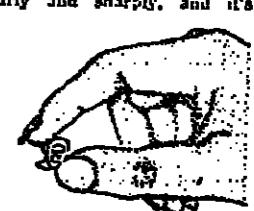
The two sides appear distrustful of each other, and the clandestine guerrillas, "Radio Venceremos," said that President Duarte was trying to use the negotiations to improve his political standing. It also said that Roman Catholics "could commit the error of taking sides."

The United States meanwhile has rejected a Nicaraguan proposal for a non-aggression pact between the two countries. This was during negotiations in Manzanillo, Mexico, last week, the Nicaraguan Ambassador, Senor Edmundo Jarquin, said in Mexico City yesterday.

4. DIE IN FLAT BLAST

An explosion and fire killed four people yesterday and injured at least eight, all of them in one flat at the time of the ninth floor of a 16-storey building in central Montreal. Experts were said to believe they had detected traces of dynamite. — UPI.

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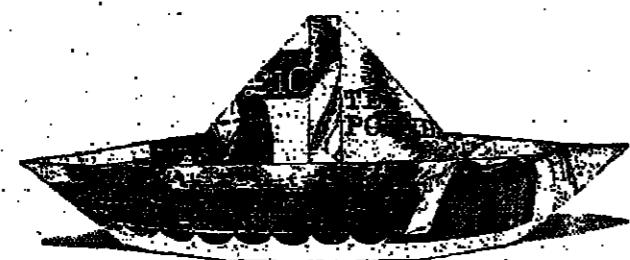
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U.S. STICKING TO STORY IN MARCOS HEALTH HOAX

By IAN WARD in Manila

ALL indicators point to Washington knowingly co-operating in the Philippine Government's massive international hoax which is portraying the gravely-ill President Marcos as merely the victim of influenza.

Knowledgeable political sources in Manila are convinced that the United States, with huge military and political interests at stake, has reluctantly opted to play along with the Marcos family clique.

This faction believes national stability at this time of crisis can only be retained by fostering the deception that the ailing leader is well and fully in command.

Despite overwhelming evidence that President Marcos, 67, underwent major kidney surgery 11 days ago, Mr Gregorio Cendana, Information Minister, insists there is "no mystery" about the President's physical condition.

The President's physician says he is suffering from flu and has been placed in isolation in a specially sanitized guest house at his palace.

Eleven days after President Marcos abruptly dropped from his normally high-profile public view, the American Embassy in Manila still insists it has no accurate assessment of his condition and is down to monitoring the rumours.

Sustained ignorance to this degree is regarded as simply

inconceivable by seasoned observers who appreciate the extent to which American interests have for so long been entrenched in the Philippines.

America's two largest foreign military bases, Subic Bay, forward headquarters of the Seventh Fleet, and Clark airbase, home of the 13th Air Force, are located in the Philippines and constitute the Western world's counterbalance to Russia's armed presence in both the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Buying time

What makes the Americans sudden lack of knowledge hardest to accept is the fact that all evidence points to a team of doctors being flown in from a specialist medical centre in the United States to participate in surgery on President Marcos.

It is being suggested in well-informed circles that America has gone along with the international hoax as the Reagan Administration desperately needs to buy time.

Anti-nuclear

upset seen in Australia

By DENIS WARNER
in Melbourne

PRESIDENTS of both the young Liberal and the young Labour movement in New South Wales have congratulated Peter Garrett, a rock singer and leader of the Nuclear Disarmament party, for making the nuclear debate a big issue in the election next Saturday.

During a widely viewed Sunday television programme they said that Mr Garrett had done a tremendous job in bringing to the fore an issue that was of major importance to young voters.

About 500,000 will be voting

for the first time on Saturday, and in all 2,000,000 voters are under the age of 25.

There is little appreciation in Australia that the preservation of the nuclear balance has helped keep the peace in Europe since 1945. New Zealand's current stance in banning visits by nuclear armed or powered ships has had considerable impact in Australia.

Senate in doubt

While both the Labour and the anti-Labour coalition party continue to support the alliance with America, they seem set for some shocks next Saturday when the votes of the anti-nuclear parties are counted.

Tens of thousands of young electors voted for the preservation of the Wilderness in South Western Tasmania in the 1983 election, causing the loss of several marginal Liberal seats.

The protest vote this time seems likely to cost Labor any chance it may have had of winning control of the Senate.

Senate to be decided

As one person pointed out, much depended on the law to be implemented by the new Communist rulers.

This has yet to be decided. The draft pact says that the law, currently based on British precedents, is to be enacted and consolidated by the National People's Congress in Peking.

Ko Zaichua, one of the Chinese negotiators of the pact, has said that Hongkong people will take part in the drafting. But observers note that China, the scene of a multitude of summary executions of late, will have the final say.

The survey, carried out by an independent research firm, was

commissioned by the English-language SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST three other news organisations, and members of Washington for talks with the Legislature.

Hongkong plagued by doubts and fears for future

By HUGH DAVIES in Canton

A DISTURBING picture emerged yesterday of the people of Hongkong being plagued by doubts and fears about their future under Chinese Communist rule.

Individual replies varied enormously. One person was "very satisfied" at hearing of the Chinese plan to maintain the colony's life-style for 50 years. Another commented: "Negotiation is better than confrontation."

A third rejected the pact outright. He said: "The withdrawal of Britain indicates that they retreat when they have amassed great wealth. That amounts to betraying the people of Hongkong."

Seventy-seven per cent thought the pact was not very good but the best that could be expected in the circumstances.

Key areas of fear included worries about possible military conscription, supposed corruption in China, the exact legal process to be followed if the pact's guarantees were breached, the numbers of troops to be stationed by Peking in the territory, and the practicability of capitalism working in the Marxist system.

Summing up the survey, the MORNING POST said that people were torn between a feeling of national loyalty to China and a sense of distrust of the Chinese Communist Government.

Grudging acceptance

There was a grudging acceptance of the pact and "at the very least" a feeling of resignation.

Results of another analysis, that of 2,400 submissions to the British Government's Assessment Office in Hongkong, are to be released on Friday, six days before MPs debate the issue at Westminster.

The Lords then concur on Dec. 10.

Both Houses of Parliament are considered certain to support the agreement, leaving the way clear for Mrs Thatcher's trip to China, planned for Dec. 18 and 19.

She is then expected to give a Press conference in Hongkong before a flying visit to organisations, and members of the Legislature.

Volunteers sought to fight Tamil terror

By VILMA WIMALADASA in Colombo

SRI LANKA'S Air Force called for volunteers yesterday to combat further Tamil separatist attacks. State radio broadcasts called on men aged 18-26 to report to Air Force headquarters on Wednesday.

never were any such training camps here in the first place, so the question of dismantling them does not arise.

"We have given some protection to Sri Lankan Tamils who have come here as refugees and will continue to give them moral and emotional support," he said.

The curfew in Colombo, followed by the burning of three shops in the suburbs of the capital after the Chavakachcheri incident, was lifted completely on Saturday, but it continues in Jaffna from 1 p.m. to 7 a.m. and in the eastern province from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

GRASS-ROOTS SHAKE-UP FOR CHINESE

The Chinese Communist party has announced the second phase of a campaign to weed out corrupt members and ultra-Left sympathisers. It says that all its 40 million members will face re-selection during the next two years.

The object is to ensure that the party is fully behind the pragmatic policies of Ten Hsiang-ping, China's ageing strong man, who has abandoned some of the egalitarian dogma of Maoism that caused such chaos in the so-called Cultural Revolution.

The first phase of the shake-up covered central and local-level party organisations and the Armed Forces. The second phase is to cover grass-roots members.

The shake-up is said to differ from a Soviet-style purge and to put the emphasis on repentence and self-criticism. The party's secretary-general, Hu Yaobang, said in the summer that only 3,000 people had actually been expelled from the party.—Reuter.

CAPTURED CAMP ENCIRCLED

By Our Bangkok Correspondent Son Sam the Cambodian guerrilla leader, said at the weekend that the Vietnamese, who recently overran the Khmer Rouge rebel stronghold of Nong Chan, would not be able to hold the fallen base for long.

Speaking at Ban Angsila, a refugee camp 10 miles east of the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet, Son Sam said the Vietnamese would have difficulty in receiving food and equipment supplies as the number of guerrilla groups had increased and had the base surrounded. Nong Chan is situated just one mile inside Cambodia.

BEES KILL TWO

A Kenyan peasant woman, drawing water from a stream, and her baby girl died after being attacked by a swarm of bees near the western town of Kisumu.—A.P.

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Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, appealed in Parliament to Mr Rajiv Gandhi, his Indian counterpart, to dismantle camps in Tamil Nadu where he said the guerrillas were being trained.

Mr R. Nedubchevan, Tamil Nadu's acting premier, denied the Sri Lankan charges. "There is no such thing as a camp in Tamil Nadu," he said.

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A routine press conference in London, and an off-the-cuff remark by Shell UK's top geologist. Within minutes his comments are on every Editor's desk in Fleet Street, and by morning, being repeated the length and breadth of the country. While the sceptics scoff, the politicians pray. If what has been hinted at is indeed true, it will alter the economic and political fortunes of Britain for decades to come. Out in the North Sea, it is reported, Shell expects to strike oil.

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The financial markets of London buzz with anticipation following Shell's discreet announcement of a significant gas discovery 32 miles off the coast of East Anglia. Within two years Shell and other companies are bringing North Sea gas ashore, and with it a dramatic revival for the British gas industry. Plans are made for completely converting the National Grid to natural gas.

1 9 6 7

Armed with the latest seismic data, two geologists from Shell set up a small office in a tiny flat, over a bookshop, in the centre of Aberdeen. It seems as good a place as any from which to tackle their awesome task. They have been instructed to begin exploration of the vast and hostile waters of the northern parts of the North Sea.

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At the northernmost offshore well yet drilled in the world, a veil of secrecy descends over Shell's activities. Communications with the mainland are suddenly coded through 'scrambler' phones. Information is rushed to Shell's scientists for prompt analysis. Until, as abruptly as they began, the exploration team cease all activity, seal the well, and are clearly seen making off for entirely new locations. A simple manoeuvre to ensure that nobody will guess what they have found.

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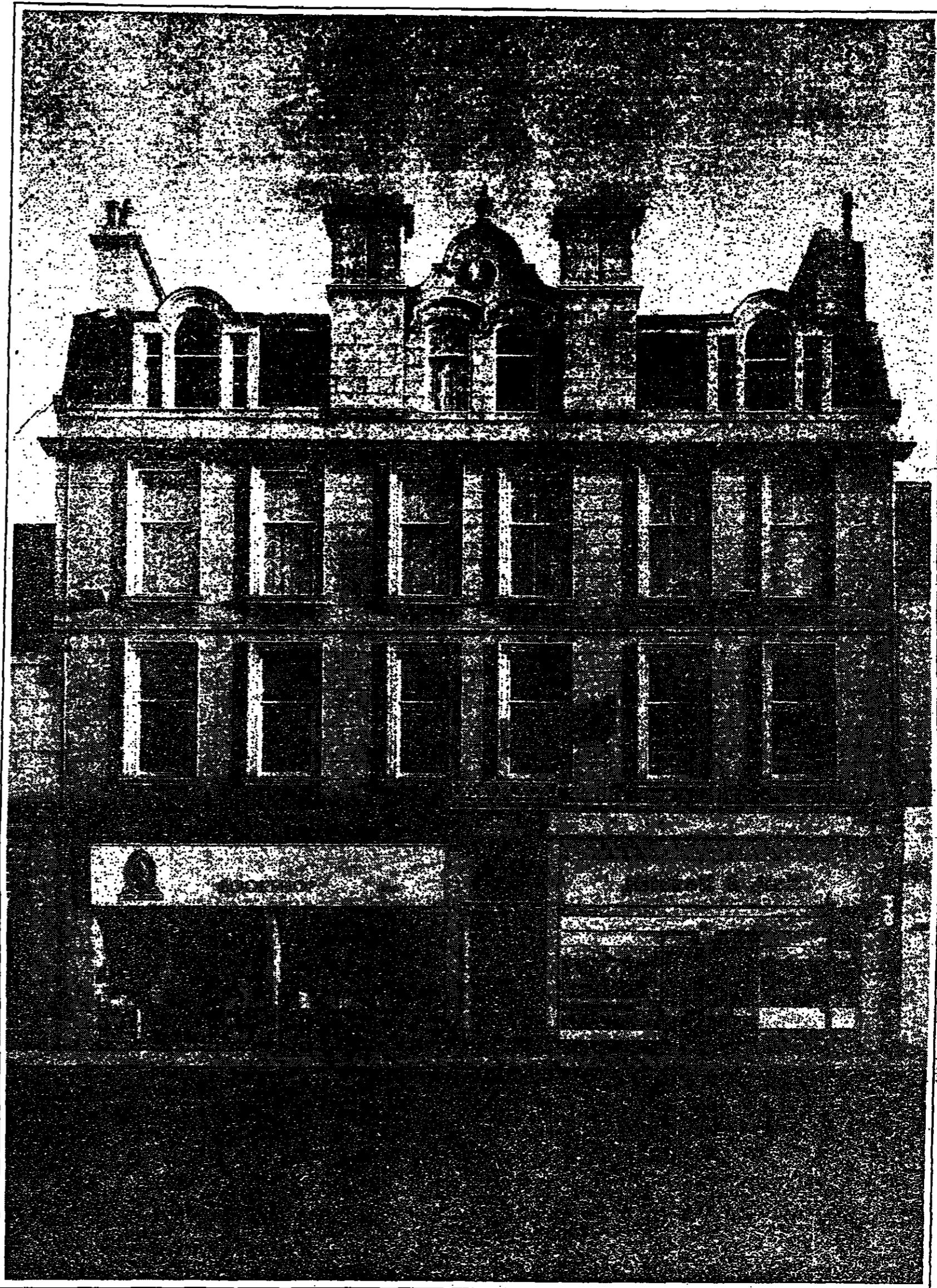
Shell proudly announces the discovery of what will prove to be a giant oil and gas find for Britain, the Brent Field.

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The latest analysis of the Brent Field shows that the possible reserves of oil and natural gas liquids are double the original estimate. With Britain's oil deficit still around £3.8 billion, the news is welcome indeed.

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The very high ratio of gas and gas liquids to oil being produced at Brent leads to a daring new scheme. A pipeline 278 miles long is to be laid on the seabed, to bring ashore the gas and gas liquids for separation. It will be the longest, and deepest, offshore pipeline ever built and is yet another challenge for British industry. Much of the technology required for North Sea development must be capable of operating in waves of up to 100 feet high, and in gusts of wind up to 100 miles per hour. In this instance, underwater cameras, side-scan sonars and computer systems are needed that will operate 600 feet beneath the sea.



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The scheme is a success. Now it will be possible to bring the gas and gas liquids ashore for further use. The gas will be extracted and fed into the National Grid.

It would be possible to split the remainder into ethane, butane, propane and natural gasoline — important resources for industry. To do so, a highly advanced plant, costing many millions of pounds, will have to be specially built.

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Work begins on the £400 million Gas Liquids Plant being built by Shell at Mossmorran, and on the 138 mile pipeline that will feed it. Soon Mossmorran will be the largest construction site in Europe.

1 9 6 14

Oil production from Brent approaches 310,000 barrels per day. This vast quantity helps transform Britain's oil deficit of yesteryear into a surplus of around £4.4 billion.

1 9 6 15

A VIP gathering to witness the opening of the new Mossmorran plant. Distinguished speakers touch on one or two environmental aspects of the plant, such as how it has been built tucked into the contours of the land so as to be as unobtrusive as possible. Also mentioned are the industrial aspects, such as how the hydrocarbons being produced will ultimately be used in the manufacturing of a thousand and one household items, from lipsticks to records.

But above all, it is noted that the opening of Mossmorran marks the culmination of the twenty years in which Shell, and the countless number of smaller British companies that have worked for her, have invested thousands of millions of pounds and great skill and ingenuity in the North Sea.

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ASBESTOS CHECK IN TUNNELS AFTER TUBE FIRE

By GUY RAIS

TEAMS of specialists working under controlled conditions will take "several days" to remove damaged white asbestos panels from Oxford Street Underground station which was hit by fire on Friday night.

Until the panels are removed, the station's north-bound platform on the Victoria Line will be sealed off to the public.

A London Region Transport spokesman said: "We do not believe there is any danger, but it is right to be as meticulous as possible in dealing with the situation."

Tunnel linings on either side of the northbound platforms are expected to be examined for possible traces of asbestos.

An inquiry into all aspects of fire safety has been ordered, after several hundred passengers, many of whom were bound in theatre gear, were trapped in smoke-filled tunnels for nearly two hours.

Five trains were halted by thick smoke billowing down the tunnels. And power for the tram through central London was switched off to allow passengers to walk along the tracks to safety.

15 in hospital

The fire was started in a contractor's hut in a tunnel used to store building materials. Thick smoke choked the network and the heat brought down material lining the tun-

nels. Fifteen people were treated in hospital.

After the dangers of asbestos were given prominence, London Transport and health experts carried out safety checks on sections of the underground where asbestos was known to have been used.

Some asbestos was used in the construction of the Victoria Line in the 1960s, but the spokesman said: "It was used before current knowledge about the dangers of some asbestos were known. It is not used any more."

"Whilst it is covered, asbestos is not dangerous, but it is a threat to health when it becomes exposed or tampered with."

Central Line services at Oxford Circus were back to normal for yesterday's services. It had hoped the Bakerloo Line train will be using the station today for the morning's rush hour.

The Victoria Line was affected by the fire, with lines in both directions between Victoria and Warren Street, as well as the Bakerloo Line not being used.

Nostalgia on the Roast Beef Special

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

BRITISH Rail put a touch of class and nostalgia into its operations yesterday, when the first "Roast Beef Sunday Lunch Pullman Special" took to the rails.

For £19.50 return, passengers in the 12-coach train from King's Cross to Norwich travelled in elegant splendour, with museum-piece coaches hired from private owners for the occasion.

The idea has aroused such delight among railway buffs that the next trip from London to York on Dec. 16, is fully booked with a waiting list of 200.

So more "Roast Beef Specials" will be organised after Christmas.

Slow journey

Yesterday brought coffee and biscuits at New Barnet, gin and tonic at Cambridge, asparagus soup at Ely, roast beef in the Forest of Norfolk, apple pie at Appleborough, coffee at Wymondham, and brandy near Norwich, with the wine flowing throughout foggy Fenland.

Nobody minded that Sunday track work made the journey exceedingly slow, so that people arrived at Kings Cross for 10 a.m. and got to Norwich just before 2 p.m., leaving three hours to see the city in sunshine before the return trip.

The coaches are owned by a new private company, Pullman Rail, which owns 24 vehicles that are maintained by British Rail under contract at Bounds Green, the depot for Kings Cross.



PICTURE: PAUL ARMIGER
Pc Allen Bratchell with his police dog Khan—winner of this year's Pro-Dogs Gold Medal award in London yesterday. The three-year-old Alsatian was seriously injured in a car accident in Croydon, while chasing two suspects. He cornered them later, despite fractured ribs, a punctured lung and a ruptured diaphragm, after Pc Bratchell had managed to lift the car enough for Khan to drag himself clear.

Tobacco awards 'cynical'

By COLIN GIBSON
Sports Correspondent

A TOBACCO company's sponsorship of bravery awards has been criticised by an anti-smoking group as "a cynical attempt to give cigarettes a misleading image."

Silk Cut's Nautical Awards, presented for the first time in London last week, included two categories won by a lifeboat crew and an RAF squadron for rescues at sea.

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) claimed the move to extend cigarette sponsorship from the traditional sporting context followed the lead from Australia and New Zealand where life-saving services have cigarette company backing.

But the Tobacco Advisory Council defended the sponsorship of the awards as being a "worthwhile recognition of acts of bravery."

Linked to sponsorship

Children's recognition of cigarette brands is directly linked to the sponsorship of televised sports by the tobacco industry, a report to be published next month will claim.

After a survey of 880 children aged between 11 and 15 at a senior school in Greater Manchester, Dr Frank Ledwith, a fellow at Manchester University, found that more than half associated cigarettes with sport.

But the Tobacco Advisory Council said the report fails to show that the televised sport's sponsorship actually encourages children to begin smoking.

Although not encouraged by the Sports Council, many governing sports bodies have aligned with cigarette or alcohol manufacturers for much needed revenue.

Since 1984, when cigarette advertising was banned from television, the major cigarette companies have backed sports for their public exposure, claims ASH.

Named by children

Dr Ledwith said: "My conclusions to my report was that non-television sponsorship acts as advertisement for the cigarette industry."

After major sporting events like snooker, cricket, darts and motor racing, the children's knowledge of brand names rises. The three main sponsors of television sport were named by all but 13 of the 880 children.

"A total of 181 of the children also smoked the brands which sponsor sport. It is difficult though to get clear evidence that children are influenced by the advertising, but what is clear is that the law banning cigarette promotion on television is being circumvented."

MORE OF THE M1 WILL SOON BE LIT UP

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

A NOOTHER stretch of the M1 is to have lighting fitted, covering the length between the Newport Pagnell service centre and junction 16, near Northampton.

But that still leaves long sec-

Bypass route

protesters 'blocked'

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

PROTESTERS against a planned by-pass in the Dartmoor National Park claimed yesterday that Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, is denying them a last chance to oppose the chosen route.

The Open Spaces Society, one of the groups of local people and conservation bodies which have raised £20,000 to fight the Okehampton bypass route, accused the Government of a "gross abuse of executive authority."

If the Department has its way, Parliament will not have the chance to consider the opposition to a route which passes through two public open spaces, Bluebell Wood and East King, and involves the felling of more than 1,000 mature oak, beech and horse chestnut trees.

The proposed route was adopted just over a year ago after a public enquiry which ended in 1980.

Last chance

But because it would pass through public open space, petitioners are generally allowed to object to compulsory purchase orders. In effect, this gives them the last chance to persuade MPs that the route should not go ahead.

The Department of Transport challenged the validity of the current petition. But Lord Aberdare, Chairman of Committees, and Mr Harold Walker, Chairman of Ways and Means, moved against the Government and said the petition should be heard by a Parliamentary Joint Committee in the normal way.

The petitioners have now accused the Department of seeking to undermine the chairman's decision. Tomorrow night the Government will ask the Commons to adopt an early day motion tabled by Sir Peter Mills, MP for West Devon, that the petition should not be referred to the joint committee.

Divide Lords

This procedure has been invoked only twice by a Government since it was introduced in 1965. The conservation bodies hope that enough Conservative MPs will be outraged to force the Government to allow the petition to go ahead.

However, Lord Foot has said he will divide the Lords on a point, which will be debated on Dec. 5, that the orders should be annulled.

The Ramblers' Association, one of the groups objecting, said: "If constructed, the road would not only cause irreparable damage to the national park, it would also be in clear breach of the Government's own policy."

"This states that no new route for long distance traffic should be constructed through a national park unless it has been demonstrated that there is a compelling need which would not be met by any reasonable alternative means."

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tions of both the M1 and the M6 unit. The Transport Department estimates it would cost £10 million to light the rest of the M1 and £14 million to install lights on the rest of the M6.

Current roadworks notified by the Department include:

M1: Moderate delays likely in evening peak hours at three spots due to work on northbound carriageway, two in Bedfordshire between junctions 10 and 12 and the other in Buckinghamshire between junctions 13 and 14.

M2: Two contraflows causing delays south of Medway towns.

Lane closures

M3: Delays due to contraflow lasting until Dec. 24 at junction 1, Sunbury Cross, Surrey.

M4: Work near London Airport. Lane closures in Berkshire on both carriageways between junctions 10 and 11 at varying times until Dec. 2. Repairs to Severn Bridge.

M5: Lane closures affecting both carriageways between junctions 4 and 5, near Bromsgrove, until late December. Southbound carriageway closed nightly, 9.30 pm-6 am, with diversions via A38.

M6: Moderate to severe delays until Wednesday because of work between junctions 3 and 4, Warwickshire. Contraflow in Staffordshire between junctions 11 and 10a until December 21 with Histon Park service centre closed to northbound traffic. Northbound exit closed at junction 11 and southbound entry slip road closed 7.30 am. Lane closures in Cheshire between junctions 17 and 18, also between junctions 21 and 21a.

M25: Only hard-shoulder in use on westbound carriageway between junctions 10 and 11 on the Wisley-Chertsey section, Surrey.

M40: Various closures westbound between junctions 5 and 6, Oxfordshire, with some diversions via M40.

M50: Contraflow between junctions 2 and 3, south of Leighton Buzzard. Entry and exit slip roads closed at junction 2.

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BRITISH BOY IN CRASH WINS BRAVERY AWARD

Bradley Rudgley, 11, of Sheering, Essex, has been named in Rome as the winner of the Samaritan '84 Award, which is given each year to a European who saves lives endangered by a car accident.

Bradley pulled his mother, grandmother, younger sister and a friend from their burning car when it was involved in an accident on Sept. 9 this year.

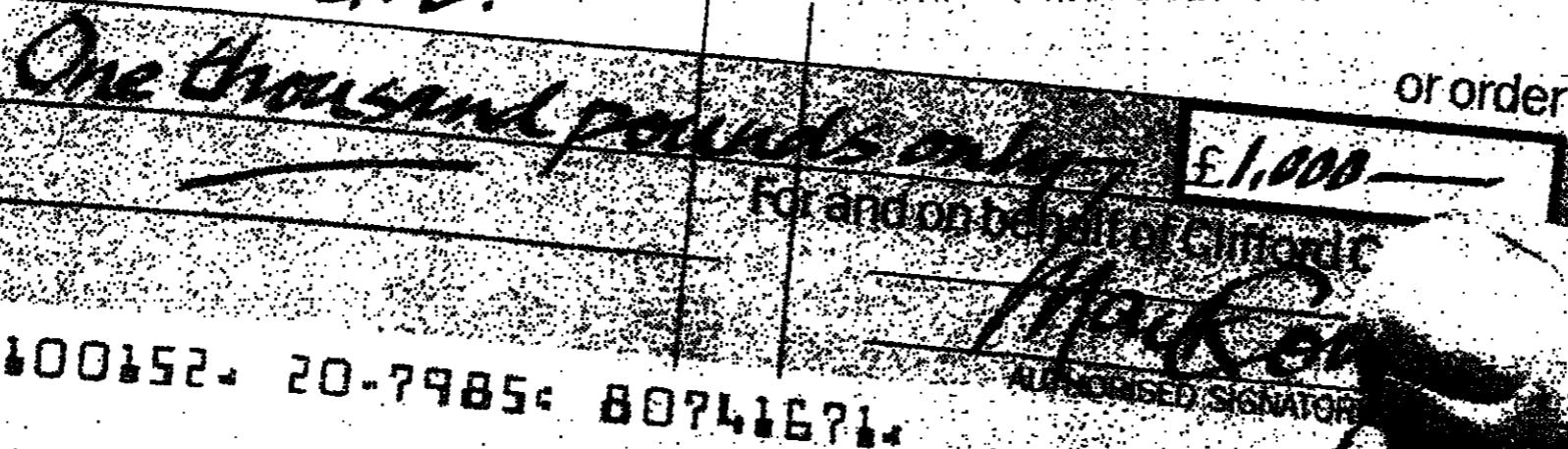
The boy was injured in the crash, but he managed to extricate himself and then pulled the others one by one from the blazing wreck. His mother was unconscious at the steering wheel—UPL.

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EDUCATION: JOHN IZBICKI

Invasion of the governors . . .

HARROW SCHOOL had rarely seen such an invasion. Boasters were doffed by astonished boys as more than 400 men and women with sticky identity labels on lapels surged into the school.

"Who were they? Why were they there?" John Clark, headmaster of Malins School in the leafier parts of northern Yorkshire and chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, explained: "It is a meeting of prep. school governors (and heads). We have had only two such conferences ever before—one at St. Paul's in 1975 and the last one at the Royal Showground at Stoneleigh seven years ago."

Another excuse for merriment and mutual congratulations? Far from it. Prep. schools, though apparently doing vastly better than primary and middle schools in the maintained sector—where falling pupil numbers have led to mergers and closures—were not be complacent.

MR. SMITH'S TEST.

YOU ARE THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE POST OF HEADMASTER



Indeed, Clark made this abundantly clear when he opened the conference. Governors, he said, ought to think in terms of amalgamation—the moment they spot any "danger signals." They should also ask themselves the following question: "Would I as a parent indefinitely send my child to this school?"

What of the governors themselves? Are they really good enough or are they more than snap at the school they serve? In a surprisingly outspoken speech, Mr. Clark said: "I have to tell you that there has been evidence of lack of communication, lack of sympathy, disloyalty and a refusal to adapt to altered circumstances."

He asked the meeting to consider whether the balance of governing bodies was always correct: "Is it a good idea to have a mass of parent governors? Does a governing body totally composed of old boys (or girls), some of whom have never experienced any other school, easily accept that change may be necessary for survival?"

And what of the head? Here the Harrow conference really got down to the nitty-gritty. "We have lost too many heads of high calibre in this year alone. Some can earn big money in other businesses and professions."

If the right kind of teacher is to be recruited then not only must facilities be right but the staffroom atmosphere must be right too. This is how John Clark put it: "The removal of the dead wood in the staff room, even if it costs, might revitalise the whole enterprise. It is sometimes necessary to be bold."

The question of staffing a school properly and finding the right maps or women to lead that staff was among the major concerns of separate group meetings.

DESK

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer, I understand, was visibly shocked when Sir Keith Joseph announced the newly-proposed scales related to student grants.

Mr. Lawson, it seems, was given no prior details of the new and higher contributions parents will be expected to cough up and, although the Education Department, along with most other Government departments, was expected to make its contribution towards the economy, it voluntary left more than necessary. The abolition of the minimum grant (already halved this year from £410 to £205) was on the cuts' contributions from parents towards tuition fees were not.

The D.E.S. is, at pains to point out, that Britain remains the most generous country in Europe, if not the world, where student grants are concerned. It is a fact that might not readily be appreciated by the 60,000 or so families which must fork out an extra £725 a year from next September.

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TOM SCOTT, the man who has become almost synonymous with STOPP, the anti-canning pressure group, has tried hard to keep one

episode of his life a secret: about 14 years ago, when Scott was a 22-year-old teacher and house tutor at a private school, he was "authorised to administer corporal punishment."

He did so on "several occasions" using a gym shoe. Today he feels embarrassed when the matter is brought up and finds it "difficult to speak about."

I find this strange for Scott, who admits he found whacking young children "totally degrading" and eventually stopped the practice and persuaded other teachers at the school to follow suit, should be proud about his conversion.

Prouder than pretending to be a prospective parent and writing to several schools under the name "T. South" to find out how often and how hard their heads "beat" pupils.

A LABOUR councillor, Bhagwan Singh Deol, has been asked by his constituency masters to resign as deputy leader of Ealing Council Labour group. Why? Because he sends his children to an independent school. His red-faced comrades believe he might prove an embarrassment should education

Angela Dancy, whose father was a housemaster at Harrow and whose husband was head of both Lancing and Marlborough before being appointed Professor of Education at Exeter University, presided over the group I attended. With that background (she is now regional director of the Independent Schools Information Service's south and west regions) Mrs. Dancy could not have been a better choice.

She produced a splendid "crib," a simple check list for those selecting a new head. The first thing to do is to draw up a profile. Does one want an administrator or an academic with specialised interests?

The whole governing body should give up a considerable amount of time to consider this," said Mrs. Dancy before going on to the actual job specification.

This should involve the school's curriculum: what children should learn in accordance with their academic abilities and needs; determining the policy for and organisation of pastoral care; determining standards of behaviour and discipline both for children and staff; developing extra-curricular activities, and so on.

Management and administration, including records and the selection of staff, as well as accountability, community and public relations must also be taken into account. Mrs. Dancy's crib goes into detail about the selection committee and how it should act. It includes a full timetable of how interviews, visits and meetings should be organised before a final short list and appointment can be produced.

There must be at least 50 other questions to ask: what "perks" should be offered (car, house, help with removal expenses); should governors interview a candidate's wife/husband?

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My own questions are not so easy to answer. What should one ask candidates at interviews to prove conclusively that he or she is not fooling the selectors?

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EVERYONE OUT TO FIGHT POLL NO-ONE WANTED

By JAMES ALLAY

IT is the by-election nobody in British politics wanted but it looks like being the poll everyone wants to contest.

Some 11 candidates have indicated their intention to fight the Enfield Southgate seat which was held for the Conservatives by Sir Anthony Berry, one of the victims of the Brighton bombing last month.

He retained the seat in the 1983 General Election with a majority of 15,819, partly a reflection of the concern Sir Anthony had shown for all his constituents, of whatever political persuasion, for 20 years.

Constituency officials are still receiving letters from people expressing gratitude for kindness shown and efforts made by Sir Anthony on their behalf which had remained unknown until his tragic death.

Sir Anthony, 59, preferred to go to the homes of constituents with a problem and discuss it in the more relaxed surrounds of the front room than in the clinical atmosphere the term "surgery" suggests.

Best riposte

Both Labour and Liberal parties debated whether abstaining from the by-election would be a rebuff to the Provisional IRA, but decided in the end that the best riposte to the terrorists who claimed Sir Anthony's life was for the democratic processes to continue unhampered.

The mantle of heir-apparent to Sir Anthony has fallen on Mr Michael Portillo, a 31-year-old North Londoner who expects to maintain the Conservatives' grip on predominantly middle-class Southgate at the polls on Dec. 13.

Following his selection he resigned as special political adviser to Mr Lawson and he is not afraid of being tainted by some of the less popular measures the Chancellor has taken.

As a former speechwriter and subsequently adviser to Mr Cecil Parkinson, special political adviser to Mr Howell as Energy Secretary 1979-81, a member of the Conservative research department, 1976-79, deputy chairman of the Battersea Conservative Association and a failed candidate in last year's General Election, he is no new boy to politics.

In fact, many of his party colleagues appear to be already tipping him for future Cabinet office.



Mr Peter Hamid: Labour's candidate.

Educated at Harrow County School for Boys and Cambridge,

he is acutely sensitive to the fact that his big chance has come about in the most tragic circumstances which he feels call for a dignified and sober campaign that eschews "mud slinging."

The omens are in his favour, including the make-up of the constituency which has 75 per cent. owner-occupiers among the 66,651 electors living mainly between the M25 to the north and the heavily-travelled North Circular Road to the south.

Even unemployment at 8.2 per cent. is below the average both in London and nationally.

When nominations close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3 he could be facing 10 opponents, including the ubiquitous Screaming Lord Sutch and the "England for the English" party.

Deposit change

The attention of the "freak fringe" has been aroused by the fact that this may be the last election where a deposit of only £150 is required before Parliament votes to raise the sum to £1,000.

The only definitely named contestant to Mr Portillo is Labour's candidate, Mr W. F. Hamid, a Barbadian who is known as Peter.

He explained: "When I came to London from Barbados in 1953 I stayed with a very

ardent Labour family who were horrified to find my first name was Winston as Winston Churchill was then Prime Minister.

"My second name is Farouk and King Farouk was then the epitome of capitalism so they decided to call me Peter."

He believes that the Government has acted with undue haste in calling the by-election so soon after Sir Anthony's death, especially as it intrudes into the pre-Christmas period when people are more concerned with preparations for the festive season than with politics.

"It looks as though they might have something nasty up their sleeve in the New Year," he suggested.

"I have already had my nasty. Thanks to Maggie's policies I was made redundant five weeks ago after 14 years' loyal service," said Mr Hamid, 52, who was a technical clerk in a drawing office.

Last December he led a group to Calais to protest against the way the French were discriminating against coloured British passport holders.

At the General Election Labour were beaten into third place by the Liberal Alliance candidate, Mr David Morgan, who is one of four short-listed nominations to be decided on by the Liberals tonight.

Mr Peter Hamid: Labour's candidate.



Mr Michael Portillo, the Conservative candidate in the Enfield Southgate by-election, canvassing in Winchmore Hill with his wife Carolyn.

CBI FEARS ON WATER CHARGES

By Our Business Correspondent

A HALT to Government aid for new technology and a switch to supporting the new industries of the 1990s is urged today in a paper from the Bow Group, the Tory "ginger group."

The paper says Britain has golden opportunity to steal a march in industrial competi-

tion into commercial successes. The

Government could play a vital

role in ensuring that Britain gets in "at the ground floor"

in the new industries.

Defence and energy spending

should be geared more to sup-

porting new industries and a

switch to supporting advice to the

Government.

Industrial winners: Bow

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THE ARTS

MUSIC / A vintage 'Così fan tutte'

JOHN COX'S four-year-old production of "Così fan tutte" for the English National Opera has like a good wine, matured into something mellow yet retaining just the right amount of acidity. Or so it seemed at the much liked, sold-out revival at the Coliseum on Saturday evening.

One of its main benefits is Roger Butlin's decor. Here, for once, is a designer willing to take advantage of the Coliseum's wide stage and give us handsome, even beautiful, sets rather than fashionably tatty drabness. Butlin's evocations of the Bay of Naples, warm and romantic, provide an apt backdrop to Da Ponte's and Mozart's disturbing thoughts on the constancy of women in a male orientated society. These are subtly delineated by Mr Cox

who, rather than throwing message at us, allows the text and music to make its own very emotional points, here helped by exemplary enunciation from all members of the cast.

In this staging the four lovers are extremely vulnerable figures, and that feeling is deepened by the current excellent quartet of singers. Felicity Lott, at its head, repeats her appealing Fiordiligi, all of a flutter when her emotional strength is sapped, and expressing that in a superbly confident and securely phrased account of her rondo aria in the second act, which crowns an altogether ideally sung interpretation. Decorations unobtrusively added.

Jean Rigby, though vocally less comfortable (the part lies

Alan Blyth

Young Musicians' Mahler

FIVE OF MAHLER'S nine symphonies have figured in the programmes of the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra in recent years.

On Saturday it took a further, and massive step towards a bold, resolute, bravely committed performance of the 7th Symphony at St John Smith's Square, in which, under the stimulating direction of its always vividly communicative conductor James Blair, the orchestra typically reacted with even nerve and sinew to the exacting challenge posed by what is arguably the most problematic of the series. Not surprisingly, considering the exhausting demands that it makes on conductor and players alike, concentration sometimes flagged in the three central movements.

The Nash Ensemble

THE NASH Ensemble continued their Italian dominated concerts at Wigmore Hall on Saturday evening with their accustomed innovative brilliance. Opening as in the rest of the series, with Sequenzas by Berio; they introduced the versatile pianist, Ian Brown, who took part in all but two items of the long programme, as the exponent of blatantly exhibitionist display in Sequenza IV. This calls into play many devices and, with the aid of the three pedals, some of these are sustained as harmonics, the overall effect produced being of a restless twilight mood.

In the other Italian work, the "Sonata à cinque" (1954) was played by trombonist David Malipiero, the fine framework of

scrupulous attention to Mahler's wish that the scherzo be taken at not too fast a speed seems to have a slightly inhibiting effect not only on its flow but on its spectral atmosphere of grotesque, night marish fantasy. Nor did the two "Night Music" movements for all the people's attentiveness of their solo playing and carefully balanced choice of texture, quite sustain the nostalgic-romantic narrative thread of the first, or the magical world-beauty of the second. The expectations aroused by the enterprise, by the invigorating sense of adventure that made so decisive an impact in the first movement were, however, exultantly fulfilled in the finale, the orchestra gathering its energies in a communal act of affirmative celebration in which strings and wind, brass

Robert Henderson

Portrayed as a clown, with lighting effects, exploiting some bizarre potentialities of the instrument.

To the distinguished tenor Robert Tear, taking over at short notice, were assigned songs with piano accompaniment by Rossini and Respighi. Four of the former's "Sinfonia musicalia" perhaps required more of sheer Italian sound whereas McTeer's rendering of the rarely heard song circle "Della silvana" (1917) subtly reflected the enchanting colouring which Respighi uses in this work in an almost unique manner.

David Money

Purised dressed as a clown, harp (Shaila Kang) and string trio (Marcia Crayford, Roger Chase and Christopher Nunn). Nunn created a magical blend in a deceptively straightforward way.

The poetical qualities of Mr Brown's accomplishment brought beauty to Haydn's neglected Piano Trio No. 25 in E minor and his powerful technique was exciting in the Scherzo and Finale of Mendelssohn's Piano Quartet in B minor Op. 3, which the composer wrote for himself to play at the age of 16. In both works there was admirable co-operation from the highly discerning string players.

Richard Last

A Swedish 'Taverner'

IN LINE with his new directorial policies of devoting regular attention to works of the present century and also of performing the whole of its repertory in the vernacular, Swedish Royal Opera gave a programme of Peter Maxwell Davies at the Royal Theatre, Stockholm, on Saturday, in Swedish translation. Not one opera, mind you, but two. In the afternoon, in the intimate, flexible Rotunda (it serves as a restaurant when it is not being a theatre), the company unveiled its new production of "The Lighthouse"; in the evening, in the main auditorium, it staged the Swedish premiere of "Taverner," these performances coming at the end of a visit which the composer has been making to Sweden under the auspices of the British Council.

The stark, basically white production of "Taverner"—a central circular performing area backed by

by floor-to-ceiling drapes—successfully says something about the greater conciseness and dramatic succinctness of the piece, but also reflects Ann-Margret Petersson's production and the excellent singing of the three principals, stunning in their sheer physicality and perceptive study of violent emotional reactions.

All this contributed to a performance that was more absorbing in its intensity than I remember from the London production three years ago. With the seating arranged around the Rotunda's performing area, and with a revolving light in the centre of the ceiling flicking on and off methodically, the audience was itself part of the set, witness to a masterful portrayal of gradual character deterioration and decaying mental faculties to which the Swedish-language text seemed to a foreigner at least, to add its own particular force.

Geoffrey Norris

The fact that the production "The Lighthouse" was more

FILMS / Behind enemy lines

NOTHING has been odder or more strangely moving at the Rio International Film Festival than an Argentine film about the Falklands called "The Boys of the War."

It scarcely mentions Britain. What Bebe Kamin's film about three hapless young conscripts sets out to do is to turn the spotlight on the values and ideas of patriotism and pride, which provoked the former regime in Buenos Aires to join battle. And one of the things that make its fiction so truthful in feeling is that it never stoops to mere documentary rhetoric or to attacking the old rulers directly, but tells us all it has to say in simple, domestic human terms. And it has plenty

to say about a society which bred these young men—their childhoods, upbringing, education and parents.

As we watch them in flashback from the beginning in the Falklands, growing up and going helplessly to war, we gather that the sin of the Argentinian society was bred by an "authoritarianism" by the military dictatorship now happily supplanted.

Although Argentinians cannot cease to believe that the Falklands belong to them, it is the way their leaders went about it which the film, by implication, denounces.

Like several British plays and films on this theme, it has little

PLAYS AND PLAYERS / The sound investment

WHEN Joseph (of that Technical Dreamcoat) started singing in a London playhouse, his voice came out of loudspeakers in a nearby playhouse where "Godspell" was on. The unwanted Biblical spirit was swiftly cast out. Joseph's microphone was put on another frequency. But the incident spotlights the theatre's almost total dependence on sound systems.

It was time I looked into this again. So I sought a world authority, the "sound designer" consulted by the National and the Barbican. David Collison has worked on 50 or more London musicals, installed sound systems in theatres in the U.S.A., Europe and the Far East, and has been Bing Crosby's and Sam Davis Jr's advisor.

He has written the standard book, "Stage Sound," and Peter Hall calls him "a technician of genius." He knows as much about pink noise, graphic equalisers and lockable gain control as I do about over amplification.

I first asked Mr Collison to

take me to Her Majesty's and explain the system he designed for the current, admittedly amateurish revival of "West Side Story." You have probably noticed that huge, electronic switchboard, the mixing desk, at the back of the stalls for most big musical shows. Here,

it picks up the sound transmitted from mikes both on and off stage and worn on the person of the five principals and also from those attached to no less than 27 individual instruments in the orchestra.

The operator then relays it to 12 to 16 loudspeakers and 16 small ones dotted all over the auditorium—in the back stalls, just over your head. For "West Side Story" the sound is natural, vivid, musical. Elsewhere it is not. Nor is it intended to be.

Says Mr Collison: "Many people today prefer and insist on the electronic sound they hear in broadcasts, films and pop concerts. They don't know what natural sound is! Modern equipment and techniques make it possible to provide ever-bigger sound for live performance. Many producers wrongly equate loudness with excitement. But musicals are not scored for natural sound any more. Where it has gone wrong is that orchestrators score for the recording studio instead of the theatre."

Some scores first became popular as record albums. The

public then demanded a stage version and expected to hear the same electronic noise they got at home, only bigger. But today even small theatres are equipped with loudspeakers,

for many actors do not know how to project their voices.

But Mr Collison is on the

side of the angels and roundly condemns extravagant noise, and those villainous desk operators who turn up all the knobs. He stands firmly for "acoustic reinforcement." His craft grew

from a demand by theatres, so that those who pay £2 for a seat can enjoy a £15-a-seat sound. Then a composer like

Stephen Sondheim wants every word in complex lyrics to be heard against a complex score.

He writes for mikes. A new

revival of "Sweeney Todd" in

an opera-house is said to be

unsatisfactory.

Yet Mozart did not have the

advantage of technology, surely? No—but he had the

advantage of a patron who put

him in a much smaller theatre.

Large opera-houses only came

later. If you want a spectac-

ular show, it must go into a

large theatre, or the box-office

revenue won't meet the running

costs. That, again, means

amplification. In a big house,

first the harp and bass strings

sound "dead." So they are

miked. But that means, in the

name of "balance" and "

presence," you must mike the

next group.

The insidious process goes

on, until the gingers must wear

little box transmitters or they will

be drowned by the miked band.

You reach the stage when the

singing chorus on stage is

backed up by a pre-recorded

ART / Adrian Allinson

Images of his time

ON TWO LEVELS the reputation of Adrian Allinson is confirmed by the exhibition of his paintings, drawings, sculptures and ceramics at the Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street. Both sharply differing ways of looking at Allinson matter.

If this had happened he would today be more celebrated. It is, however, better that his reputation should have built up gradually. Particularly welcome is the fact that this exhibition has come at the right moment to enable us to assess how much was achieved by an artist who was always concerned with the problems of craft.

Just how well he could solve them we see in a big painting, his "Spring in Fibla," hanging at the end of the gallery. It goes beyond being an example of how a complex scene can be composed to suggest distance and the play of light and colour, to tell us much about a particular place.

Allinson could achieve this sort of completely convincing realisation of a scene, and he does it time and time again, in large measure because he was such a good draughtsman. It is something clear from his witty caricatures and from his stage designs.

We do not forget his works. It is this, the extent to which his images linger in the memory, that is the token of Allinson's place in the history of British art in the 20th century. At the same time he has been a witness to his age who has much to tell us.

Terence Mullaly

THEATRE / At first bite

WITH HIS very first production, "Dracula," the new artistic director of the Half Moon, Mile End, shows his hand. He has brought to London a kind of dramatic experiment like that brought to the rival TV screen by Trevor Nunn. The BBC has been compelled to slog through the middle way of solid studio productions, and readings that would offend no one. Especially schools and foreign buyers. Heaven knows, I believe in the middle way in most contexts, in politics certainly, but I wonder whether the final image of the Beeb's Shakespeare has not been a bit on the trudging side. If I never see another cardboard castle or a paper pavilion again, it will be soon enough.

Richard Last

Pride coming before performance

to present papers. Such navel-examining may seem essential to broadcasting executives. The timing could have been more helpful.

As Richard Last reported on this page last Monday most of the BBC executives not novel-gazing in Hongkong were doing so under Royal Television Society aegis in Cardiff. There Michael Grade, the newly-appointed BBC zealot, was to be heard preaching that BBC high-mindedness is only exceeded by the proficiency of its housekeeping.

Back in London lesser mortals were getting on with the programmes. One of which, on Mr Grade's own BBC-1, was a new Sunday lunchtime current affairs show called "This Week Next Week" and covering last week.

This was conceived as a sop to BBC current affairs journalists under-employed with the demise of "Sixty Minutes." It was placed at Sunday lunch time to draw away some of the prestige London Weekend had achieved with "Weekend World." Because Brian Walden sounds so urgent the BBC would reply with the friendliness of David Dimbleby. In other words "This Week Next Week" is entirely reactionary.

If there is one aspect of BBC philosophy which might be questioned by the Home Office examiners it is this expensive and wasteful competition to no avail wherever there is any sign of opposition flag. There now seems to be a determination to add to the traditional contests like "Panorama" v. "World in Action" and "Omnibus" v. "South Bank Show."

The latest Grade idea is to "competitive scheduling" is to place "East Enders," his twice weekly London-based soap opera to be launched in the New Year, precisely against the needs of its customers.

Sean Day-Lewis

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SCIENCE

Who is out there crying 'Wolf, wolf...?'

ADRIAN BERRY discusses false alarms and possibilities of life on Mars

CURRENT efforts to confirm the existence of relics of a vanished alien civilisation on Mars may, or may not, mark the end of an age-long search to establish whether or not we are the only intelligent civilisation in the Milky Way. It is a question to which people have been seeking an answer for more than a century.

Many times in the past, sometimes for a few days and sometimes for many years, it seemed that the question was answered. There have been startling theories and "discoveries" at the other end of the scale, among hoaxes, some amusing and some merely stupid.

In the latter kind, we can include the absurd books of Eric von Daniken, to whom almost every unusual archaeological monument on earth is indisputable proof that aliens once visited the earth.

An example of the former sort of hoax is that of the cynical and brilliant journalist Richard Adam Locke of the New York Sun, who for a whole month in 1855 fascinated his readers with an account of a civilisation of winged creatures living on the moon.

The Sunday newspaper journalists who last year produced a front page story headlined UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK — AND THAT'S OFFICIAL! were etically a cut above Locke, although intellectually far below because they appeared to believe in what they were saying. But their headline destroyed the credibility of the story beneath it, officials, by the very nature of their employment, cannot determine scientific questions.

The 19th-century astronomer Percival Lowell was passionately sincere. But his own eyes deceived him. For 15 years, in his observatory in Arizona, he watched the planet Mars and convinced himself that he was seeing more than 500 apparently artificial canals. The existence of these "canals" was not finally disproved until the Mariner spacecraft visited Mars in 1969.

(Incidentally, it was a colleague of Lowell's, Edwin Frost, who received a curt telegram from the newspaper owner William Randolph Hearst: "Is there life on Mars? Cable 1,000 words." Frost, annoyed by this peremptory communication, responded with the words "nobody knows" reported 500 times. He didn't get paid for it.)

Literary spin-off

It was Lowell's great delusion about these imagined canals that inspired the widespread opinion that Mars not only had been inhabited but still was. Nor was this mistaken belief a bad thing; without it, H. G. Wells might never have written his magnificent science fiction classic, "The War of the Worlds."

Nearer to the present, in 1972, came the strange stories of the star Epsilon Bootes and the long-delayed radio echoes. A Scottish astronomer, Mr Duncan Lunan, pointed out that a number of radio broadcasts made from earth and ascending through the ionosphere had been mysteriously "bounced back" from space at intervals

GEOFFREY FLETCHER'S LONDON

Empire's distant Shaw

I GOT to thinking about the architectural remains of imperial London through picking up two books. The first, of a size, weight and splendour impossible today, was the "Daily TELEGRAPH" Victory Atlas, circa 1920, with maps showing the rapid increase of British possessions — and the annihilation of German.

The other was "The Wonder Book of the Empire," with a cover showing a majestic Britannia wearing a helmet that makes Pallas Athene's look like a coal scuttle.

Both have always been in two minds about the Empire possibly because when I once asked my father what he remembered chiefly about the British Empire Exhibition, he replied:

"Acres of bottled fruit and a drunken Scotsman at Euston carrying a marble clock."

Sometimes I have thought the Empire a transcendental conception, higher than normal human aims; or else I have wondered whether it was merely a huge folly — like Beckford's Fonthill Abbey — run up in feverish haste, but out of materials pinched from others: most probably it was both.

Now, its evaporation left a strange deposit of architecture behind it: Georgian churches, residences, Cheshire-like streets, all those areas coloured red in the Victoria Atlas, and later the Gothic Revival churches transported, as if by a magic carpet, from Dorset to Bengal.

Of this uneasy Indian summer, there is a fantastic memorial in Victoria Street — the 1895 red brick gothic Artillery Mansions, grouped round a mosaic courtyard where goldfish swim among cast iron burlusters in the fountain basin. Here came ex-colonels to languish in Westminster instead of Cheltenham or Eastbourne; civil servants worn out by administering stern justice to the Pax Britannica.

They brought with them camphorwood furniture, brassware and photographs of the Towers of Silence and the Cuttak Ladies' Cricket Club. Wandering there, I wonder if the Empire will become fashionable again, like neglected artists resuscitated by dealers. But I doubt it.

The statue of Queen Victoria opposite the palace — with a hint of genteel vulgarity about it that Kipling's Recessional seems to caution against — always seems to me to sum up Empire splendours. Most statues of the immensely successful Queen do this, except for the little known and quite charming one — the only statue in London of the young Queen at Lincoln's Inn. Then there are the former Colonial Office and the Admiralty Arch, the latter named once again having that curiously gentle bombast about it, which is so marked a characteristic of Edwardian public architecture and, indeed, of the period generally.



Former Headquarters, Artists' Rifles, Bloomsbury.

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● Sleek-chic: tullebell blue crêpe dress (above), with astonishing couture-like lattice-work hem. By Coterie, it is £355, also in red, navy or pink, at Harrods and Georgina De Ritter of Chelmsford in February. Diamanté necklace at Merola, £65. Russell and Bromley sandals in diamanté and black, £75-99. A far cry from skin's rugged image: the Bibby strapless soûde dress (right) in cobalt blue with bow, has trailing fishtail hem. It is £210 at Dickins and Jones, Regent Street, London W1.



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and Jones did a turnover of £1.500 the first week on her clothes and haven't looked back since.

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Petite, totally feminine, Genette Bibby works closely with her husband Peter, a fine arts graduate from the Royal Academy. Her spring palette: antelope, white, cream and terracotta in plain silk.

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dresses (many with dropped waist) teamed with Edwardian-style jackets in suède of the same colours—ideal for weddings. Her choice of Bianchini prints veers towards the mix of white, pink and apple green, which she sees as the perfect Ascot team. Again there are suède and leather separates to tone with everything.

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It is the North that wants glamour most of all—the two young men find many of their best evening dresses are off to Christmas parties, hunt balls, the lot—north of Watford. Londoners like the silvery satin tops and pyjamas, palely subtle, ideal for dinner parties in friends' homes.

Bowker is in tune with many of the top French and Italian designers in his love of the new sweet-pea pastels—a total contrast to the earthy tones and the hot Day-glo colours alike that have been flooding our shops.

BOOK REVIEW

A SHARP acerbic reference book plus a good meaty read: a combination rarely found, but it all occurs in a splendid new fat volume all fashion-followers will want—Colin McDowell's "Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Fashion" (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £22.00).

No timid academic slouch, McDowell has contacted fashion designers all over the world for their particulars, then has spiced these out simply and purely for the student's benefit but added his own wry and dry opinions on each designer's fashion career.

Thus: "To everything there is a season, and Courreges's reign as a leader was brief. By the end of the 1960s the space-age shocker had been grounded."

Or this: "Although he objects to the idea that he designs only for adolescent girls . . ."

Or this: "Her romantic and theatrical approach to design seems appropriate to design houses which is Hollywood."

McDowell will please purists—his respect for true talent is enormous. Therefore it is no surprise that among the stunning colour pictures the Capucci evening gown, a miracle of fluted satin, contains the view that his genius is second only to Balenciaga and Charles

Jones (a view this reader shares). But he has fun with the jokey and innovative accoutrements of street fashion, too—and the volume (an absolute must for every fashion college in the world) is by no means a dull reference tome.

You may indeed yearn to wear the beach pyjamas by Worth (1932) or the marvel of diagonal inserts in the Adrienne tailored suit (1940s) and McDowell's own sketches of these provide spice among the lush colour plates. Many a testy argument, whether in newspaper offices or among crossword puzzle fans, will be solved

by a look at McDowell's glossary in the back of the volume, clarifying, peplums, pin-tucks, ponchos.

McDowell's own qualifications for this perceptive tome? He has designed in Italy for Lancretti and Biagiotti, written and drawn for Italian and British newspapers and now teaches at St. Martin's School of Art. The marvel is not that the book exists and is good, but that nobody ever did such a book before.

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Left: bargain fashion jodhpurs in cream cotton with a peach skin finish £19.50, from Adams and Hunter, 13 Savile Row, London W1, sizes 10 to 14; pink angora sweater, £21.99, from a selection at Miss Selfridge branches. Pearls from a selection at Fenwick, New Bond Street, London W1.

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Right: Miss Selfridge's version of the jodhpur look in beige cord, £16.99, also in black, brown, green, sizes 10 to 14; fluffy white sweater, also in black, brown, blue, red, or jade, £22.99, sizes 10 to 14, from all branches of Miss Selfridge, shoes from Next branches.

Country style comes to town



THE young are latching on to the fashionable jodhpur look with gusto. In Milan, Krizia showed high-fashion jodhpurs in wool or leather, to partner stunning animal print sweaters. In New York, Ralph Lauren showed shocking pink tweed hacking jackets and last month, in London, Arabella Pollock showed jodhpurs in cream satin for party wear, teaming them with a matching skirt.

No country bumpkin look, this autumn's liking for jodhpurs: it's high-fashion, designed for wearing about town. The young add a soft angora sweater in an unexpected and decidedly unhorsey pastel colour, toss a mass of fake pearl ropes around their necks and knot a silk headscarf

Left: cream wool jodhpurs £34, sizes 10 to 14, by Penny Black; tweedy knitted jacket in oatmeal or brick red, £64 by French Connection, both from Fenwick. Silk scarves, £5.80 each from Hermes, 155 New Bond Street, London W1.

BY ANN CHUBB

snoood-style around their heads.

Boots are seldom worn. Little lace-up shoes and Argyle-patterned socks are more favoured, and hacking jackets or men's overcoats.

You can find excellent fashion jodhpurs at places like Miss Selfridge and riding shops are sources for quality and make, although at higher prices. Some of the nicest and best cut I've seen are a special bargain line that is being produced by a new and prestigious horsey emporium, Adams and Hunter in Savile Row.

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There are luxuries like cashmere, alpaca and silk mixes and even a mix of feathers and cotton. Knitting kits from well-known names like Sandy Black, Kaffe Fassett, and Sarah Dallas are also on sale.

Avril Groom

Packing a poncho



PILEING on the sweaters, now that the cold has finally struck? We all are, and suddenly realising too that not many coats in our lives can accommodate those chunky knits underneath. Perfect answer for the next cool and rainy day: a dashing black poncho (pictured by PAUL ARMIGER) from Harvey Nichols, London SW1, at a neat price of £20. The attached cowl collar is in bright pink or blue. The court shoes are from Russell and Bromley branches.

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TWO PLOs

IF NOTHING ELSE the long-delayed meeting in Amman of the Palestine National Council, which likes to be thought of as a Palestinian parliament in exile, has underlined that after 10 years of internal strife and military setbacks the Palestine Liberation Organisation in its present form is finished. Having rigged a quorum, and accepted the protection of the king who drove him from Jordan in the exceptionally bloody events of the "Black September" of 1970, Mr YASSER ARAFAT, for long the undisputed leader of the PLO, must now know that all chance has gone of reuniting the organisation's several factions.

It is not easy to feel sorry for Mr ARAFAT who, although now a "moderate," helped begin a Middle East revolution. But of late he has been having a terrible time of it. Having been driven from Jordan, his PLO in Beirut developed into a surrogate government (which toppled poor Lebanon into chaos) only to be destroyed by the Israeli invasion. Syria dealt a knockout blow to Mr ARAFAT's chances of a comeback and the hatred existing between him and President ASSAD lives on.

Effectively there will now be two PLOs. Mr ARAFAT may maintain the loyalty of most Palestinians including those in Israeli-occupied territory, but it seems certain that Syria will insist on a rival organisation being established in Damascus. This group will have military muscle through some 6,000 guerrillas, and a strong power base, and will no doubt be manipulated at will by the Syrian leader. King Hussein's proposal for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian initiative for a peace settlement with Israel that could be laid before an international conference on the Middle East has predictably been condemned in Damascus. But Mr ARAFAT's PLO has no way forward without the king. Whether Mr ARAFAT and his loyalists appreciate it remains to be seen.

ALLIANCE STRATEGY

MOST LABOUR MPs must know that in today's Commons debate they face another test, after last week's horrors, of their ability to look like an effective parliamentary party. Tory MPs, meanwhile, whatever they make of Mr HEATH's latest utterances, are conscious of interesting developments inside their own party. Neither side, perhaps, can afford to ignore what has been happening to their common rivals: two months after the Liberal Assembly in Bournemouth DAVID STEEL and DAVID OWEN have set about repairing the damage to the Alliance wrought there by Liberal activists of a certain kind. Last week they agreed to a lasting partnership "as equals" while asserting that the two parties would retain independent rights over policy. This makes practical sense by placing much of the onus for future co-operation on the leaders and sidesteps the inbuilt factionalism of many of their supporters.

There is little disguising the fact that Alliance defence policies are a mess or that agreement on which party will fight which seat could easily degenerate into a series of nasty, local rows, or even that most Liberals want a merger of the two parties and most SDP members don't. Since the two Davids have in the past found surprisingly little difficulty in agreeing matters between themselves, they reason that policy-making by diktat is for the moment preferable to endless Alliance splits. But it remains open to doubt whether the leaders alone can weld the Alliance into a cohesive force. Dr OWEN, faced with the burden of keeping alive a young party with only shallow political roots, sensed that he needs to draw support from Tory voters, but the policies that will appeal to them anger the Liberal-Left and could alienate traditional Labour voters.

At the last General Election, Alliance candidates were given a relatively easy ride: for tactical reasons their policies were virtually ignored by their opponents. Next time their manifestos will be put under the microscope. In the shorter term, Alliance hopes of getting their electoral bandwagon rolling again will depend on by-election successes. The Conservatives, who have awoken to the threat the Alliance poses, particularly since the SDP victory in Portsmouth South, cannot allow the differences between SDP and Liberal to go unexplored again. Well aware of this weakness, Mr STEEL and Dr OWEN have chosen to make their television appearances together so that their views may be seen in perfect accord. For the moment their message to the voters will be: so long as we agree it matters little if our parties are at odds.

CND PLAGUE ON OUR HOUSE

DIILEMMAS ARE THE STUFF of politics. The CND, after its relatively successful pose as a political hermaphrodite, is being obliged increasingly to show the shape of its feet. For years, its militants have denied as "smears" assertions that they are anti-Western or pro-Soviet, claiming to be genuine nuclear pacifists. "A plague on both your houses" could be a convenient slogan, even though most of the plague was destined for the house in which we live. When Soviet spokesmen reacted with uncompromising hostility to platonic criticism of Soviet weapons by E. P. THOMPSON, CND seemed to have won its accolade. Now that is lost with yesterday's pusillanimity at its annual conference.

The conference had to leave behind its abstractions and deal with the hard fact that whereas installation of American missiles in Europe in relatively small numbers has been completed for the present phase, and the new phase will take several years, new medium-range Soviet missiles are pouring into East Germany and Czechoslovakia at an annual rate several times greater than the total number of missiles at Greenham Common. The conference must also recognise that, whereas the protesters and their dupes had argued that installation of cruise and Pershings would preclude arms talks with the Soviet Union for good, it has predictably had precisely the opposite effect.

In order to maintain its credibility, CND would have been well advised to sway with the wind, and pay lip service to the principle of reciprocity. However, the Communists at the conference thought otherwise. The Pope's infallibility may be eroded, but CHERENKO's never, lest the Communists' whole belief-structure come crashing to the ground. For the sake of unity, the Communist view has prevailed. Let CND protest its impartiality till it is red in the face, its nature has been made unmistakably clear in the interval between the KINNOCKS' departure for Moscow and their return.

COMMENTARY

T. E. Utley

WHY is it that when my fellow columnists approach the hackneyed, boring and thoroughly uncontemporary subject of who will be leader of the Tory party if Mrs Thatcher proves not to be immortal, they never mention the name of John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons?

I think this to be a strange omission for various reasons. To begin with, it is now fairly clear that if and when Mrs Thatcher goes, she will (excluding the possibility of the lethal bus which, as Lord Carrington has pointed out, would never dare) be the victim not of her failures but of her successes. She will probably win the next election or, at any rate, she will not lose it conclusively. The economy probably will get somewhat better, enough to inspire hope in the future and to provide a retrospective defence for past policies.

But, precisely because of all this, the demand will be for a leader with a gentler, more relaxed image. The time for high tragedy will be over; people will want a bit of drawing-room comedy. This will be gravely unjust to Mrs Thatcher, for, but for her determination and crusading zeal, it is arguable that nothing would have been achieved at all. Nevertheless, politics is unjust, and the hour calls forth the man. Now all those who are commonly mentioned as the legatees in this context are men of very distinct political character and most of them men of very distinct political stances. Mr Tebbit is deemed to be a man of the Right; Mr Walker a man of the Left; Mr Heseltine might occupy either position, depending on when the event takes place; but, whatever position he occupies, will be stridently defined and vigorously defended.

By contrast, Mr Biffen (who, at 54 is the right sort of age) is a man of quiet ambiguity, the quality which, on my analysis, will be most in demand. He calls himself a monetarist in fiscal matters, but a monetarist of his own kind: he does not believe, for example, that tax reductions (which in principle he thinks are desirable on general philosophical grounds) necessarily produce incentives to greater production; he believes that the essential structure of the Welfare State must be preserved and that, within the limits of fiscal probity, a bit more should be spent on personal services for the elderly and disabled, though he is sceptical of pumping ever more money into roads and sewers.

A former disciple of Enoch Powell, he regards himself, not as a man of the Right or of the Left, but as a "nationalist" who puts the unity of the Kingdom before all other considerations.

As a Tory politician, he has always had friends on both sides of the party (Jim Prior for instance) and as Leader of the Commons he is warmly regarded by quite a large number of the Opposition. He is immensely relaxed on the question of whether Labour antics in the House now constitute a threat to parliamentary government.

Such things—organised disruption—have happened often enough before, he claims; and Neil Kinnock is a most amiable man, a "pragmatic radical," who has the task (admittedly difficult) of working himself into the same role as Clement Attlee.

Now, if all this sounds a bit too "reconciling," let it also be observed that John Biffen has developed a particular kind of effective but inoffensive satire which carries an extraordinary sting. He was, I recall, the first Tory member to have the courage to rough up Mr Jack Ashley, who enjoys (though he never seeks) the protection afforded to the disabled (Mr Ashley is deaf) when talking sanctimonious nonsense.

Add to all this a further and prominent consideration: the hand that wields the dagger does not inherit the crown. John Biffen carries no offensive weapon; his particular form of vanity would oblige him to insist that every member of the Tory party had gone down on his knees to beg him to accept the leadership before he would do so.

So watch this man: you will have to do so for a long time. What is more, he is sociologically O.K.: he is not an Etonian, but a west country farmer's son with a slight burr in his voice—appealing both to egalitarians and to Tory traditionalists. His latest bon mot: "I do not walk hopefully, I walk blindfold."

SO Peter (like Alice) has been "at it again"—a pompous lecture saying (when decoded) how nice it would be to have Disraeli back or, at any rate, Lord Stockton and how awful it is to have the present, divisive Prime Minister. Should Mr Walker resign from the Cabinet, which was the custom in the old days in such cases? I think not. That was all right when Cabinet government genuinely existed; we do not have that sort of thing any more. Since Ministers have no opportunity to influence anything which does not directly concern them, they must be allowed a measure of freedom to express dissent. I don't like it, but there it is...

Can the UN put Aphrodite's island together again?

THIS morning the Secretary-General of the United Nations embarks upon the third round of so-called "proximity talks" about the future of Cyprus.

It is the nearest thing to Acas on an international scale: since the Greek Cypriot leader President Kyriakou is recognised internationally as the head of State of the island republic, while the Turkish leader Rauf Denktash is recognised by nobody apart from Turkey as the head of State of the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, the two must remain apart in separate rooms, with the UN interposed between them.

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In theory both parties are committed to the vision of a reconstituted federal nation, with the Greeks running their own affairs in the southern three-fifths of the island, and the Turks theirs in the northern two-fifths, and a federal government reconstituted from participants from both sides to oversee it all.

In practice it is hard to imagine either side offering the concessions essential to overcome the legacy of 15 years of intermittent communal bloodletting, followed by 10 years of physical separation, since it is not immediately apparent what either side has to gain from compromise.

The Turkish north of the island, which I visited earlier this month, is, by comparison with the Greek south, underdeveloped, poor, and underpopulated. Much of the interior resembles an armed camp, where the Turkish army defends the lines it took 10 years ago. Both trade and tourism are hamstrung by the Greek embargo. Bulk cargoes—which consist almost exclusively of citrus—can be moved out to Britain, West Germany and the Arab countries by ships chartered for the purpose.

But the development of small-scale local manufacturing enterprises for the export markets is hampered by the absence of calls from the regular international shipping lines which have not docked at Famagusta since the Turks marched in. And acute shortage of water supplies is obliging the Turkish Cypriot administration to encourage a move from citrus to viticulture, although both experience and market access are lacking.

Tourism consists predominantly of visitors from the Turkish mainland. But since the Turkish authorities reduced domestic tariffs and liberated quotas earlier this year the attractions of a trip to northern Cyprus for a shopping spree have vastly diminished. The flow of visitors from western Europe has also shrunk: 20,000 in 1983; 10,000 in the first nine months of 1984. Package tour operators are threatened with exclusion from the Greek and Greek Cypriot markets if they ad-

vertise tours to Northern Cyprus, and since these are major markets, they understandably refrain.

The Turkish Cypriots are thrown back on reliance on fringe operators without a Greek exposure; and to make matters worse charter flights will not fly into the North Cyprus airport east of Nicosia, since Greek control of the airspace denies it insurance cover. So tourists are committed to the tender mercies of Turkish airlines, which flies them in via Izmir or Istanbul with a starkness of comfort and a lowness of service characteristic of monopoly.

President Denktash and his followers dream dreams of international recognition. One is told tales of Moslem States upon the brink: the newly independent Brunei apparently contemplated striking a blow for Moslem sol-

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BRUCE GARDYNE
on today's UN talks
about Cyprus's future

darity until it realised that it hadn't the foggiest notion where North Cyprus was). It does not seem a likely story. The Greeks have the "non-aligned nations" lined up behind them; and more to the point perhaps recognition would go down ill in Washington with a vocal Greek lobby to worry about, and nightmares of Athens falling into bed with Moscow. By comparison Turkish Cyprus must seem too small a pawn to be worth the conflict.

In any case it is not obvious that recognition would change very much. It wouldn't change the Greek trade embargo, or remove the reasons for its effectiveness. The Turkish Cypriot leaders insist that they only pursue recognition to strengthen their hand at the bargaining table with the representatives of the south: federations, they argue, are born of marriages between two equal sovereign partners. Historically that is a most dubious proposition, and one feels that it is mostly done for show.

Across the green line in Nicosia the tower blocks on the Greek side stand out in contrast to the half-finished housing on the Turkish side, and down on the eastern coast—the vast Greek-built holiday complex of Varosha on the southern edge of Famagusta stands empty and ghostly, looking like a slice of Manhattan dumped upon the shores of Anatolia and forgotten. The gap between the two communities in Cyprus looks like proving a good deal more stable and less explosive than what went before.

Only the provisional endures: and meanwhile those who prefer tranquillity on holiday to fleshpots and high-rise flats could do a great deal worse than try the coast of Northern Cyprus. So long as they can stand the trip by Turkish airlines, that is.

BBC head on secret goodwill mission

STUART YOUNG, the chairman of the BBC, this week undertakes what is probably the most delicate mission of his career—a hitherto secret goodwill visit to Saudi Arabia.

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Young is, of course, a leading member of the Jewish community in Britain and has strong links with Israel. Until 1982 he was the Appeals Treasurer of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and he is also a director of Tel Aviv university.

Ironically it will be his task to convince the Saudis that the BBC is not biased towards Israel—a claim often made in Riyadh. Actually Young will be able to counter that the Israelis are just as quick to claim BBC bias in favour of the Arab cause, adding perhaps that at least Israel allows foreign journalists to go there and see for themselves.

As a bulldog breed

VIRTUALLY all the surviving descendants of Sir Winston Churchill are getting in London this week, for the first time for several years, to hold a dinner in his memory on the eve of the 110th anniversary of his birth.

Sir Winston's last living daughter, Lady Soames, will be there. Edwina Sandys, one of his granddaughters, is coming specially from New York, and all together about 30 relatives are expecting to be present.

The organiser has been another of Sir Winston's grandchildren, the M.P. Winston Churchill, who told me: "It was really a recognition of the fact that since the death of Lady Churchill the clan has only gathered for weddings and funerals. She kept us together and we have rather gone our own ways since she died."

One touch that Sir Winston would have approved will be included. The family will drink a toast to him in Pol Roger champagne—his favourite.

A colleague in Bakewell, Derbyshire, this weekend spotted one of the new Rover cars—the model born of Japanese technology—and noted that the vehicle's owner had come to terms with the car's mixed parentage rather neatly. Affixed to the rear window was a sticker saying: "Buy British."

Man to watch

NOTHING could better illustrate the shifting sands of Arab hatreds and loyalties than the current meeting of the Palestine National Council under King Hussein's protection in Amman.

Quite apart from the fact that the

national agencies bestowed upon the South compared with the crumbs that come their way.

Yet they also fiercely insist that they will soldier on indefinitely if they have to, and it is not obvious why they should not do so provided only that the mainland Turks continue to support them; and of that support they appear to be well assured. The contrast with the bustling prosperity of the South may be irksome, but the Turkish community today evidently feels itself secure, which it had good reason not to feel until the two communities were separated in 1974.

A negotiated settlement between North and South might restore the free access of the North to the outside world, but even then it is improbable that the North would make giant strides to catch up with the South. The Turks will never be a match for their fellow-islanders as traders and entrepreneurs: that is not their nature. And it is hard to see them welcoming back the Greeks to run the hotels and tourist facilities they used to own in the North—although Varosha is regarded as a bargaining counter, for surrender to the Greeks as part of a comprehensive deal.

Cassandras speculate about the possibility of military action by one or other of the sponsoring nations—the Greeks from the South, or the Turks from the North—to resolve the problem by the sword. This, too, seems inherently improbable. A military occupation of the southern half of the island would most probably embolden the Turks in open-ended guerrilla warfare, and any attempt to evict the Greek majority of the island population would land Turkey in the international doghouse.

The Greeks, for their part, can hardly fail to reflect that whenever since the 1914-18 war they have tried conclusions with their eastern neighbours it is they who have been worsted.

CERTAINLY accidents can happen when you have two armed camps confronted in a Mediterranean island of modest size, just as accidents can happen in Berlin. But just as the Berlin Wall—for all it says about the unacceptable of the East German régime to its citizens—has stabilised the former German capital for more than 30 years, so the separation of the two communities in Cyprus looks like proving a good deal more stable and less explosive than what went before.

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council is split between Yasser Arafat's "moderates" and the Syrian-backed hardliners who are boycotting the meeting, there is the intriguing presence of Saleh Khalef, Arafat's political deputy.

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Sparks might fly...
THE R.A.F.'s new multi-role Tornado aircraft is certainly living up to its description, if a story doing the rounds is correct.

Apparently one instructor has been demonstrating the versatility of Tornado technology by running his pig-farm accounts and forecasts through the aircraft's main on-board computer.

When I asked a Very Senior R.A.F. friend if there was any truth in all this, his response was interesting: "I don't know, but if I catch the chap he'll be in it up to his neck."

Crossing the floor

AN ANNOUNCEMENT today that David Woodhead, a senior member of the publicity team at the Left-wing Inner London Education Authority, has been appointed national director of TSIIS, the independent Schools Information Service, is bound to raise a few educationists' eyebrows.

Woodhead, a product of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, M.P. for Hampstead, who recommends the £14 a head Tollbridge restaurant in Guise, Norfolk, and Julian Critchley, M.P. for Aldershot, who suggests the Number Six restaurant in Harrogate, where a meal for two will cost £30 to £40.

But the soundest recommendation of all must surely come from Sir Gordon Borrie. He gives his

Artificial heart for man given 'a week to live'

By LIN BILL in New York

A 52-YEAR-OLD man suffering from severe heart disease and diabetes yesterday became the second person to have an artificial heart implanted in his chest.

Before the operation at Louisville, Kentucky, the patient, Mr William Schroeder, had been given only a week to live with his own heart.

Now he has a metal and plastic Jarvik-7 heart.

Mr Schroeder, a retired quality inspector at an armaments depot, was described as "resigned and realistic" about his chances for long-term survival.

He acknowledged on the eve of the operation, as he signed a 17-page consent form at the Humana Hospital, the odds were against him.

A Roman Catholic, he requested the last rites of the church before entering surgery.

Operation to music

But in the operating theatre, the mood was buoyant as the 22-strong surgical team began procedures it has rehearsed repeatedly in recent days.

Music filled the room because Dr William Devine, the surgeon who implanted the first artificial heart in Dr Barney Clark two years ago, likes to have music during an operation "to break the tension."

For yesterday's surgery he chose works by Vivaldi, Mendelssohn and the jazz saxophonist Grover Washington, and a selection of baroque lute music.

Mr Schroeder, of Jasper, Indiana, has cardiomyopathy, a progressive wasting of the heart muscle, caused by a heart attack, he suffered in 1982.

Dr Clark, the dentist who survived for 112 days with his Jarvik-7 heart, also suffered from cardiomyopathy, in his case apparently triggered by a viral infection. He died after multiple organ failures.

'Not optimistic'

Mr Schroeder smoked cigarettes for 50 years, but stopped after he had his heart attack.

He was not a candidate to receive a human heart because of his age—two years above the usual limit—and because the steroid drugs used in a transplant would aggravate his diabetes.

He underwent double-bypass heart surgery in March, 1983, but it did not significantly improve his condition.

At a Press briefing before the surgery began, Dr Allan Lanning, medical director of the

BOMBER CLUB DROPS DATES FROM TITLE

By Our Air Correspondent

The Bomber Command (1939-45) Association has decided to drop the wartime dates from its title and widen eligibility for membership to all those who served in the Command up to 1967 when it was absorbed into R.A.F Strike Command.

Membership stands at 4,500 out of the 25,000 who can now apply to join. The new association, which will depend on donations instead of subscriptions, can be contacted through the Bomber Command Museum at R.A.F Hendon.

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comes from Enfield); £50,000,

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GP WORKS FROM JAIL

By Our Staff Correspondent in Austin, Texas

DR ROY LEE, the only physician in San Saba County, Texas, is in jail, but the sheriff is installing a telephone so that his patients can phone him in his cell.

The doctor will even be let out — under escort of a deputy — to attend emergency cases.

This is not the first time Dr Lee has had to work his practice from the jail. He was imprisoned last December for failing to pay child support, but a citizens' collection paid the bill to free the doctor.

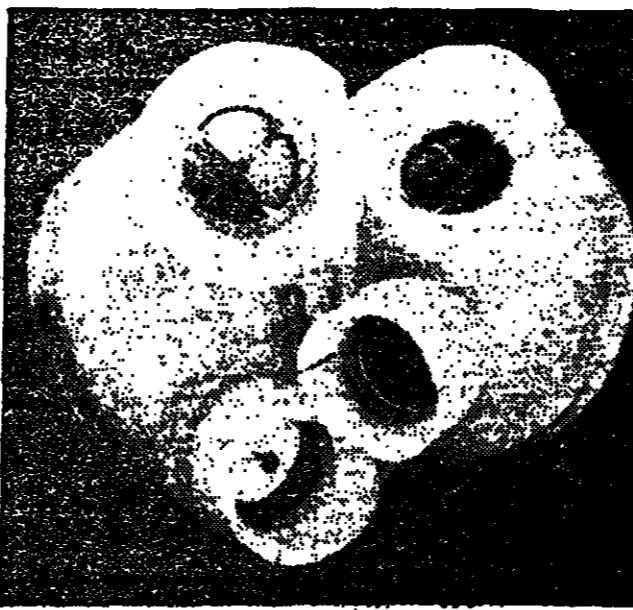
Now he has been jailed again for contempt of court after failing to turn over documents concerning a drug company's

£100,000 (£6,600) claim for unpaid bills.

There is currently only one patient in the hospital, half a mile from the jail.

Mr William Schroeder kissing his granddaughter Tracy when members of his family visited him before he underwent his artificial heart implant operation at the Humana Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, yesterday.

Below: A model of the metal and plastic heart.



MOP-UP IN SOUTH

MOPPING-UP was under way in many parts of Britain yesterday after a weekend of gales and rain.

The South Coast and West Country were worst affected as strong winds and high tides produced some of the worst

Channel gales for 25 years.

A cruise liner with 350 people aboard had to take refuge at Plymouth. The Fred Olsen liner Black Watch, 9,500 tons, was bound for the Canary Islands from Tilbury when huge waves smashed bridge windows and knocked out the main electrical system.

The Norwegian officers managed to steer the ship back to Plymouth using emergency generators and none of the passengers suffered serious injury.

The ship was undergoing repairs yesterday and is expected to set sail later today.

COSTA DRUG GANG TERROR

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

RESIDENTS of a small Costa del Sol resort, many of them retired Britons, yesterday demanded a crackdown on armed drug addicts now terrorising the town.

At a meeting of 800 people in the cinema at Nerja, once a sleepy fishing town 30 miles along the coast east of Malaga, residents said they were prepared to take their demands to King Juan Carlos.

They said their once peaceful life had turned to a life of fear caused by the wave of robberies and kidnappings carried out mostly by drug addicts in search of cash to pay for their next fix.

The organisers of the protest mainly Spanish businessmen sent out posters declaring: "People of Nerja — no more robberies, holdups etc. Come to the meeting. We need your help."

They refused to be named or photographed, claiming that could expose them to danger from a drug ring operating in the resort of 12,000.

A petition, sent to the Civil Governor of Malaga Province, demanded more police in the town, the setting up of an emergency telephone link, and identity checks on suspicious newcomers.

Cowered inside villa

One British couple told how twice in four nights thieves came to their luxury villa. Mr Martin Weeks, 56, and his wife Ethel, 50, said the first time they covered inside while the thieves tried to force their way in. A shotgun was fired in the garden when the gang failed. The next time, when the couple were away, the villa was ransacked and valuable taken.

"I am terrified and at the end of my tether," said Mrs Weeks, originally from Devon. "We love Spain and do not want to leave. But we didn't come here to be frightened."

Mr David Toft, 48, a former Brighton policeman, who now runs a restaurant, recalled the night that two masked thugs came in with sawn-off shotguns shouting "Money, money."

"They snatched £300 from the till, took my signet ring and nearly £100 from customers. This hasn't frightened me off. But it is time for action. Nerja has a drug problem, and too few police."

Mr Dave Jones from Swansea, who runs a fish and chip shop, has been robbed four times. "This used to be such a quiet town," he said. "The police seem to have adopted a defeatist attitude."

Good Food Guide finds 'gaping hole'

By BRENDA PARRY

THE 1985 Good Food Guide, published today, recommends more than 1,000 restaurants in the British Isles.

They range from a tiny Buddhist vegetarian cafe in the East End of London with good food that is "phenomenally cheap" to a country house hotel which charges £3 for coffee and will sell a copy of its menu for £2.50.

In general eating out in style costs an awful lot of money. Meals can cost around £40 with wine for just one person.

But as Mr Drew Smith, the editor, points out: "The guide operates to monitor what is going on in the catering world and sadly there is a gaping hole where there should be restaurants serving good food and wine for around £10 a head."

He claims that most London restaurants are "jaded, overpriced and cynical" and that many have grown "fat and lazy on expense accounts."

He says that while the good news is that a new generation of patriotic restaurants has emerged this year, the bad news is that the only place where there has not been a proportional increase is London, and that it "no longer matches the expectations it raises except where the very best restaurants are concerned."

Poor value

One of the reasons for this is that the ever popular French restaurants have become increasingly "cynical and poor value" so much so that the words "French restaurant" ought to be read like a red neon warning sign—"Beware frozen food, inferior service, poor sauces, big bill."

But there are some very fine French restaurants in London including Chez Nico, Battersea, Le Gavroche, Mayfair, and Tante Claire, Chelsea, who all get the guide's premier 16/20 rating.

The other winners of this rating are the Riverside at Helford, Cornwall, and the Manoir aux Quat Saisons at Great Milton in Oxfordshire.

The Manor where the coffee alone is £3. Even so the guide estimates you can eat there for £22-£30 per head.

If that sounds way out of your price range, you might consider the Cherry Orchard, in Globe Road, Bethnal Green, where you can take your own wine and savour cauliflower soup, chilli burgers with sweet and sour sauce followed by the delicious sounding veggie fruit cake all for around £3.

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Professor counts a blessing in disguise

THE UNITED STATES budget deficit will take a bite out of America's economic hide during the next year but contrary to popular belief, America's troubles will be Europe's blessing, according to 1980 Nobel laureate Lawrence Klein.

Prof. Klein, former economic adviser to President Jimmy Carter, believes that most of the industrial nations in Europe and Japan, will all record growth rates in excess of 3 p.c. during 1985, the dollar will fall, and interest rates in the United States and Europe will ease. In addition, the two-year-long injection of international investment funds into the United States that has drained European and Asian markets, but enabled the American economy to absorb the enormous government budget deficits, will reverse.

When Prof. Klein speaks, a lot of people listen. The Nobel

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laureate, who was awarded the prize for his computer work with economic models, is the director of the Wharton School of Finance's Wharton Econometrics. The Wharton team still enjoys a reputation as the best forecasting institution in America.

Unlike a number of economists who extolled the dangers of the Reagan budget deficits at the beginning of the President's first four-year term, Prof. Klein did not. This is not to say that the economist does not think the Government's overruns are dangerous. It is instead, a matter of timing.

"Everything looked good about the deficit up until now," explains Prof. Klein. "We got to a positive state—high growth rates, low inflation, robust expansion at the cost of building up the deficit."

"The price that Great Britain paid in getting down its inflation during the last few years was reflected in very high unemployment rates. Our price was this huge deficit. We were able to have strong growth because expansionary fiscal policy—the deficit—was combined with a stringent monetary policy which curbed inflation."

"But now we reach a state where if foreign dollars start to pull out of the United States in search of better growth markets we are going to face the consequences of that deficit."

As the latest round of government statistics showed last week, the United States recovery has topped out and is now in a down cycle, indeed the gross national product only grew at 1.8 p.c. rate in the third quarter.

But while the American economy is clearly slowing, the rest of the world is still on the upward march, Prof. Klein explains. As a result, America's position as a "safe haven" for investment dollars is in jeopardy.

"Some time in the next year, world investors will realise that Wall Street has seen its peak and at the same time European countries will be in a strong place," notes Prof. Klein. "These countries are coming into significant growth. Nobody is looking for a surge but a solid recovery will provide investment gains that just won't be achieved here in the United States."

Prof. Klein believes the current system of debt crisis management which involves industrial governments keeping their hands off while banks and the debtor nations themselves struggle to negotiate liveable arrangements will not work in the long run. In his view the debtor nations must be able to count on a flow of funds in upcoming years in order to fuel growth.

"There must be a final settlement one that will enable the debtor nations to service their existing debt but still have new debt on which to grow," says Prof. Klein. "Banks don't want to make new loans to these countries and there has to be a way for the debtor nations to resume creditworthiness or they cannot grow."

Lauren Chambliss

Telecom issue expected to top 2m applications
By ROLAND GRIBBIN

PREDICTIONS about applications from the public for British Telecom shares are now being revised upwards, above the "magic" two million mark with two days to go before the deadline.

A million applications had been received by the weekend from the 30 p.c. of the shares allocated to the public and there is growing confidence that the figure will double with the aid of a last-minute rush.

The huge response has delighted ministers anxious to encourage wider share ownership, but will pose massive administrative problems and the Government is braced for protests about scaling down applications and the offer price.

The trend so far points to more applications for the share perks rather than the telephone discount voucher, suggesting that unlike other State asset flotations, many are prepared to hold on to the prospects.

Many applications are pitched at the minimum 200 level but thousands of forms are being returned because they have been incorrectly completed. The most common error has been among people wanting the £18 discount vouchers failing to stick to the guide provided in the prospectus.

Processing banks say they are being returned in time to allow the mistakes to be corrected and a fresh application made. But people sending in wrongly-completed forms at the last minute stand the chance of seeing their applications rejected.

There is little doubt now that the issue will be heavily over-

subscribed and estimates about the opening premium range up to 20p and above on the partly-paid 50p shares. Applicants have to put up 30p a share immediately—representing £100 for the minimum 200 shares—and pay the 80p balance in two 40p stages.

Bank managers and building societies report heavy withdrawals from investors to finance the down payment amid rumble that more shares should have been allocated to the public.

Government advisers felt that the £1.5 billion worth of shares set aside for the public and Telecom's 241,000 employees, who have a 10 p.c. allocation, would be enough to meet demand.

But with the heavy promotional campaign paying off in a big way there is a mixture of delight and apprehension in Whitehall. There is some concern at the prospect of protests from the public about the scaling down of applications and a feeling that the issue might have been sold too cheaply.

Institutions have been effectively guaranteed 47 p.c. of the three billion shares on offer.

In some quarters it is felt the allocation has been too generous, but it is being pointed out that the 500 institutions buying shares have ensured the success of what is the world's biggest equity issue and do not qualify for perks.

There is sensitivity in Government quarters about fresh accusations that it has already been sold on the cheap. Advisers of old Ministers that the offer price of 130p a share was testing the upper limits of the market and that anything higher would not have got institutional support.

CBI to press for £2bn in tax cuts

THE Confederation of British Industry is expected to press for an increase in output over the next few months. It expects no change in 14 p.c. forecasting a fall while 38 p.c. are looking to raise prices and 58 p.c. say they will be unchanged.

The cuts, coupled with a "non-inflationary" £1 billion programme of investment in energy, sewerage systems and other infrastructure projects, will help broaden the recovery base, the CBI believes.

The CBI's latest industrial trends survey today provides further confirmation that the economy is starting to turn around.

David Wiglesworth, chairman of the economic situation committee, says: "Expectations of higher output are less strong than in earlier months of the year, but electrical and instrument engineering and medium-sized firms have higher than average expectations."

Eighteen per cent. of the 1,584 companies canvassed say order books are above normal and 51 p.c. say they are at the normal levels while 19 p.c. report more buoyant export orders and 51 p.c. say they are unchanged.

Midland sees rise in jobless

CONTRASTING views on the outlook for unemployment came from the Midland Bank and the City University Business School in their latest economic forecasts published today.

The winter issue of the MMB Review predicts a steady rise in unemployment from the present 3.1 million to a plateau of 3.5 million in 1986.

The new jobs created by economic growth of 3 p.c. in 1985 and 2 p.c. in the two

a post-miners' strike recovery followed by a slowdown in 1986 when growth is expected to be running at 1.1 p.c. a year in the opening six months.

Inflation is predicted to hold steady at around 5 p.c. but the CBI offers little comfort on the jobless front, forecasting unchanged unemployment next year despite the creation of 400,000 jobs in the 18-month period between now and the first half of 1986. Manufacturers are expected to continue to shed labour at the rate of 1.2 p.c. a year.

Overseas markets; Share Race P22

Wisdom of Solomon based on guesswork

ANTHONY SOLOMON, the respected president of the New York Fed, may well be right to argue that reports of the death of the United States economic recovery are much exaggerated and that next year will see a bounce back from the very sluggish growth rates of the third and fourth quarters.

The truth is, however, that like the rest of us, Mr Solomon is only guessing and the possibility of the United States tipping into recession in 1985 can no longer be discounted. The extent of uncertainty over the future course of the budget deficit, the dollar, and the United States interest rates is more than sufficient to reduce any forecast to the status of mere hunch.

If events do turn sour in America, the implications for Europe are likely to be rather serious. American interest and exchange rates have undoubtedly constrained macroeconomic policy options for the European countries (and Japan) and have arguably contributed to capital shortages which have reduced investment. But the cost has had another side to it.

The vigour of the United States recovery and its appetite for imports have made contribution to demand which has provided some compensation for the very tight fiscal policies being pursued by most European governments. If the locomotive on the other side of the Atlantic runs out of puff, the weak European recovery is likely to falter.

The key to how Europe swathers a slowdown in America's economic activity lies in Bonn. It is West German macroeconomic performance and policy which drives the EEC and sets the tone for the whole area.

As it happens, the Germans are remarkably well placed to take up some of the running from the Americans. Since 1982, in the name of "consolidation," the government of Chancellor Kohl has been pursuing a policy of such fiscal stringency that Mrs Thatcher seems like a spendthrift by comparison.

On almost any criterion West German fiscal policy is spectacularly restrictive. Between 1981 and 1983 the federal budget deficit fell from almost 4 p.c. of gross domestic production to 1.5 p.c., is likely to be around 1.5 p.c. this year

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By Matthew Symonds

and down to 0.5 p.c. next year.

To put that into some kind of perspective, after five-and-a-half years of Thatcherism, revenues North Sea oil revenues and large-scale sales of public sector assets, even on the Government's own projections Britain's PSBR will fall to about 2.5 p.c. of GDP in 1985.

At the OPEC point, but on a cyclically-adjusted basis, the West German public sector has moved into a structural surplus position of some size." The last time the German unadjusted deficit fell to such a low level in 1975, just before the first oil shock.

If a further indication of the relative tightness of West German fiscal policy is required, it is of some interest that the ratio of the budget deficit to gross private savings — the "crowding out" factor — will have fallen from 17 p.c. in 1982 to a highly-revealing 1.7 p.c. next year. Comparable 1985 figures for France, Britain and the United States are respectively, 18.9 p.c., 14.6 p.c. and 21.5 p.c.

Although higher revenues resulting from a stronger than anticipated economic upturn have played a part in this turnaround, it has been the consistent undershooting of public expenditure which has made the most significant impact. In 1983, Government spending rose in nominal terms by only 2.5 p.c. — the smallest expansion in the post-war period. The main victim

has been public investment, which has fallen by 25 p.c. in real terms during the last three years.

Unit labour costs have been falling, inflation is little more than 5% unemployed for every vacancy. Given that capacity utilisation has only staged a modest recovery from the cyclical trough of the fourth quarter of 1982, it does not seem that the German economy is exactly in grave danger of approaching any supply-side constraints in the foreseeable future.

If, on the other hand, the United States fails to rebound next year and the dollar falls, the arguments in favour of a boost to domestic demand become overwhelming.

The danger is that the Germans have, in James Tobin's phrase, "over-learned" the lessons of the 1970s. The last time West Germany attempted to fire up its locomotive, everything went wrong. Within six months of the Germans having agreed to an extra fiscal stimulus of 1 p.c. at the 1978 Bonn summit, the world was hit by the second oil shock and a renewed dose of stagflation.

Ironically, the Germans find themselves chancing next year's summit, but despite the pressure on the host country to do something big and clear, it is unlikely that the expectations from Washington for some fiscal easing will make much impression. Nor can Chancellor Kohl be expected to do more than listen politely to similar appeals from President Mitterrand, who is still paying the price for having tried inflation in one country three years ago.

The best hope is that the Germans themselves will realise that "consolidation" can be taken too far. Chancellor Kohl is planning to introduce about DM20 billion worth of tax cuts in two equal stages between 1986 and 1988. It would do no harm to bring those forward by a year. He could also do worse than to heed the advice contained in the latest Bundesbank monthly report to boost investment spending from its currently-depressed levels. The austerity of the last few years has given West Germany enviable room for manoeuvre — there is no merit in the economic equivalent of wearing a hair shirt.

Plenty still to go for in BAT

QUESTOR
David Brewerton

UP, UP... but not yet away. BAT Industries' shares have doubled in price already this year, but they could do the same again in the coming 12 months.

BAT is the share fund managers have not yet come to terms with. Between 1980 and 1982, BAT's earnings per share rose 100 p.c. By the end of next year they will have doubled again, give or take a few percentage points.

The shares have romped up so much to the profit of readers of this column who have followed advice to buy. But there is still plenty to go for.

Institutional investors matter about "quality of earnings" or lack of it, whenever BAT is discussed. But sooner or later they will have to accept that a group with well over a billion pounds of annual profit, which is producing compound earnings growth well in excess of manufacturing industry as a whole, and which is established in many countries of the world,

makes up in breadth what it may lack in "quality."

And then the price-earnings ratio will begin to rise smartly from its current low level, based on 1984 forecasts, of six times.

BAT's disposal of International Stores to Dee Corporation for £180 million will help the process of adjustment. International has been a negative for BAT for years.

In real terms, it was not terribly important, but it damaged market sentiment because of BAT management's inability to get International to earn its keep.

The shares have romped up so much to the profit of readers of this column who have followed advice to buy. But the price is a good one and demonstrate that BAT does know when to cash in its chips if a business fails to develop as expected. No management can hope to win 'em all — knowing what to do when it has backed a loser is the real test.

Furthermore, as the debate about "quality" continues, it will be remembered that a quarter of BAT's assets are now tied up in Eagle Star Holdings.

BAT is especially strong in United States retailing, where its interests takes in Saks, Marshall Field and Gimbel's. In the United Kingdom it has Argos, the catalogue showroom business. No lack of "quality."

In total, BAT profits look capable of rising to £1.25 billion before tax in the current year, from £979 million in 1983. For

the following year, market estimates are that profits could rise to £1.4 billion for the group as it is now constituted.

But the point is that the much maligned tobacco business is generating cash at such a phenomenal rate that less than a year after buying Eagle Star once again in a position to make a major takeover.

Little of that, however, is reflected in the current share price of 278p where the prospective price-earnings ratio is six and the yield 5.2 p.c.

Yarrow worth following

AMERICAN concern about the risks of re-nationalisation of British Telecom shares should there be a change of Government has apparently set ministers' minds to work on the

long running row over shipbuilding assets.

It is now seven years since nationalisation, and the row over the level of compensation has not reached the European Court of Human Rights. The two sides are making their submissions, and eventually the sorry saga will be brought to an end.

But it is being pointed out to the Government that it would help the British Telecom position if it was seen to be less hard faced and fairer over the compensation paid for the shipyards.

In stock market terms, the most exposed company is Yarrow which has had "totally inadequate" compensation of 26.17 million but which would like £20 million.

The first £9 million has been kept liquid and with interest this has now grown to about 29 million, or 225p a share. If Yarrow were to get all that it is asking for—and considering the profitability of the shipyard since it was nationalised that is not too much—it would amount to 500p a share.

The shares are trading at 335p, which reflects the doubts. It will need to drag all through the European Court, it is likely to be another decision.

But Yarrow is profitable in its own right, with underlying profits running between £2 million and £3 million a year. Taking the middle course and applying a full tax charge leaves the shares trading at nine times earnings—not demanding for an engineering consultancy.

That is obviously the conclusion which Weir Group reached when it agreed to spend £3 million on a 25 p.c. stake in Yarrow last August, money that Weir could have put to use in its own business.

The market expected a full bid, but so far it hasn't turned up. Meanwhile, Yarrow is bidding its time on the question of re-acquiring its oil shipyards when de-nationalisation terms are announced. One to follow.

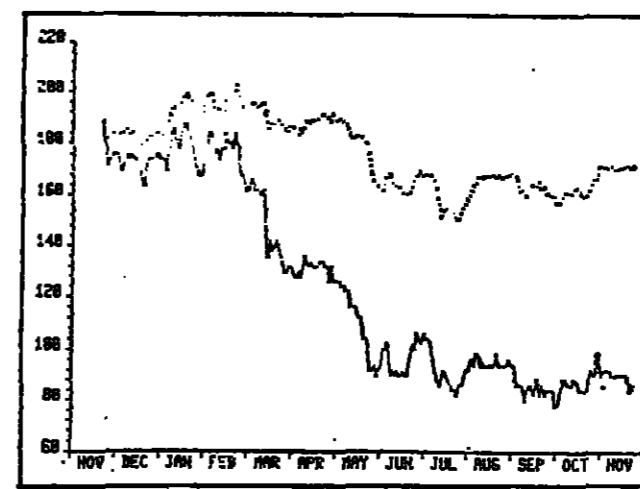
Difficult days for Barratt

DESPITE the debilitating influence of Barratt Developments' share bottom line, the index of housebuilders has held up over the past year.

With mortgage rates coming down and funds still plentiful, the sector should continue to enjoy good trading, although there are complications in interests in mining areas reporting a loss of business because of the pit dispute.

Barratt, hard hit last year by the timber frame component, is getting another dose of trouble from its exposure to the strike-hit areas in the North of England and Scotland.

At their present level of 94p, the shares may have touched bottom, since the asset value of 135p provides some support so long as the housing market as a whole



Source: Datastream

shares firm. But it is by no recover until first-half figures mean certain.

What is clear is that they have been digested and the hoped-for second half upturn are unlikely even to begin to is a fact.

THIS WEEK IN CITY MARKETS

Americans help cure Beecham's ailments

THE cure for the summer cold, in stock market terms, has been found—across the Atlantic. The mixture of American demand and takeover speculation injected into an ailing share price soon begins to have the required effect. This has been well demonstrated this year by Beecham Group.

Its shares caught a cold in July, failing to a year's "low" of 285p, after having been 340p a month earlier ahead of the preliminary figures for 1983-84.

These figures turned out to be very disappointing showing only minimal growth in profits which rose from £257 million to £268 million pre-tax and the first

decline in earnings since 1979. This, together with the market's view that profits for 1984-85 could also be pedestrian, precipitated the decline in the shares.

Another factor, affecting sentiment then, was that unlike its nearest rival Glaxo—it did not have the benefit of a wonder drug like Zantac to capture the market's enthusiasm.

By August, however, talk of an American bidder coupled with US buying of the share had started to effect a cure.

This buying, and approval by the American authorities for the marketing of Beecham's new antibiotic drug Augmentin

and the subsequent reports of

good initial sales in October, saw the share recover to 375p by early November—a rise of over 30 p.c. since the June "low."

Overall, first half pre-tax profits are expected to be in the region of £150 million, as against £128.5 million and shareholders could receive their own tonic in the form of a higher interim dividend. For the full year, market analysts are predicting profits of some £310 million.

Two other FINANCIAL TIMES 30-share constituents—Allied Lyons and Courtaulds—also report their interim results tomorrow.

Allied-Lyons, the brewer and food manufacturer, had an excellent 1983-84 with pre-tax profits up from £159.6 million to £194.9 million. The slowdown in consumer spending and the effects of the miners' strike may have held back profits in the opening half but market analysts are still forecasting around £200 million (290 million) pre-tax.

The market will be looking closely at the results from Courtaulds for although the group produced almost doubled full-year profits of £117.8 million (£68.5 million), it may now have reached the top of its cycle. Consequently, some City analysts have trimmed their interim forecast to £152 million (£47.7 million) pre-tax and the full-year outcome to £128 million.

Malcolm Locke

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TUESDAY: Finals—Carr John ICL, Scottish and Mercantile Investment.

Interims—Allied Lyons, Beecham Group, Century Oil Group, Channel Tunnel Investment, CMI Microsystems, Courtaulds, De Beers Consolidated Mines, Investments Co., Parkland Textiles, Rothmans International, T.R. Property Investment Trust.

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*Group profit up 12% to £6.33M (1983 £5.65M)

*Group turnover up 10% to £130M (1983 £118M)

*Interim dividend up 7% to 1.55p (1983 1.45p) (payable 31st December 1984)

*Earnings per share up 12% to 7.2p (1983 6.4p)

*Reasonable result anticipated for full year

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STOCK MARKETS ABROAD

By Clifford German

Norway tops the league

ANYONE who still thinks Scandinavian economies are all the same, small, efficient and clinically clean but damaged by a commitment to egalitarianism, has only to look at the behaviour of the Scandinavian stock exchanges in the past 12 months to see how wrong that impression could be.

The best performer of the top dozen European equity markets has been Oslo with an average gain of almost 50 p.c. The worst performer has been Copenhagen where the index now stands about 10 p.c. below November, 1983.

The Norwegian market is still small with about 130 companies quoted, but it has been growing rapidly and this year has been attracting a substantial amount of foreign money, especially from American investors.

The share boom is based on an export-led economic recovery over the past 12 months and falling interest rates and declining inflation rates. Corporate profits are good and the prospects for 1985 are also sound, and the capital gains tax

rules are less severe than in Sweden.

Norwegians are free to invest abroad which means share prices are not inflated by pent-up domestic demand, and investors in the Norwegian markets can choose between utilities such as Norsk Hydro at between eight and nine times historic earnings, a hi-tech company like Norsk Data at 27 times earnings or a conglomerate such as Kværner on four to five times Swedish earnings.

Outsiders, however, can only hold up to 20 p.c. of Norwegian companies' shares or 10 p.c. of bank.

Much of the foreign money going into Oslo has been switched out of Stockholm, where the shares market has consequently run out of steam after a good performance last year. The Stockholm index peaked as long ago as February and touched a new low for the year this week.

The Swedish stock market is much the largest and most sophisticated of the four Scandinavian markets. But investors

have to come to terms with the introduction of wage-earner funds which are effectively being assigned free shares in Swedish companies.

The capital gains tax on short term gains is heavy, and the dividend freeze imposed last year as part of the anti-inflationary package will restrict pay-outs right through next year. Non-residents can hold up to 40 p.c. of the shares of Swedish companies.

An increasing number of Swedish companies are also now quoted on the New York and London markets.

But loyal investors like the look of Swedish companies, many of which are conspicuously well managed, technologically modern and internationally competitive.

Dividend yields are artificially low but so are prices.

The Finnish market is still small but has been growing rapidly.

Finland investors are not permitted to invest abroad, and foreign investors are limited to "free" shares which account

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SHARE RACE

TWO weeks to go in the 1984 Daily Telegraph share race and Pentland Industries is striding down the home straight in fine style.

Its shares have gone up yet again this week putting further the distance between itself and the following pack. It looks ever more like winner of what has been our biggest race ever with over 19,400 readers taking part.

Pentland shares have been boosted by the dramatic profits rise this year. Having secured world rights to a best-selling sports book the company has gone out and sold hard, particularly in the United States.

Computer and Systems En-

gineering (CASE) which has been doing so well recently, has lost some of its finishing speed and slipped back behind Donald Macpherson.

But film and television services company, Samuelson Group, is appearing among the front-runners last week with a 158 p.c. gain but its shares have continued their late surge putting the company into fourth spot and heading higher.

Hillingworth Morris has slipped back a place even though its shares managed a slight further improvement this week while Hunter Group (formerly Unilex) is maintaining its last-minute run moving up three places this week.

TOP TEN
Percentage change
to November 16
Number of
entrants

Pentland Industries	373.2	1
D. Macpherson	210.1	6
CASE	206.2	7
Samuelson Group	200.0	5
Hillingworth Morris	190.0	30
Hunter Group	189.7	1
James Neill	181.9	8
Booker McConnell	177.2	3
Cons. Modderfontein	158.4	7
Datasream	154.8	4

List compiled with the help of Datastream.

After Terry Alderman had had Clive Lloyd had had a diving Hughes at mid-wicket.

Wayne Phillips' catching of Walsh, the last man out, gave Lawson a 100th wicket in 25 Tests, at an average of 26.15.

With the eighth time Lawson had taken five or more wickets in an innings.

Lloyd's chanceless 114-74 of which came from three huge sixes and 14 fours in an astonishing innings especially for a bowler who has never taken a wicket in Test run-getters.

The magnificent seven who have scored more than 7,000 runs are: Sunil Gavaskar 8,514 at 51.91; 100 in 10 Tests; Geoff Boycott 8,111 at 47.71 in 10 Tests; Richard Sobers 8,032 at 57.78; Colin Cowdrey 7,524 at 44.06 in 114; Lloyd 7,273 at 46.62 in 83; Hammond 7,249 at 58.45 in 107; and Greg Chappell 7,101 at 55.86 in 87.

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Geoff Lawson seized three wickets without cost a nine balls

WEST INDIES SET FOR 10TH STRAIGHT WIN

By ALAN SHIELL in Brisbane

KEPLER WESSELS, Australia's South African-born opening batsman, probably saved his international career with a score of 61 yesterday as his team slid towards a heavy defeat in the second Test against the West Indies, at the Woollongabba Ground.

Having dismissed to tourists for 424, Australia stumbled to 134 for five in their second innings and still needed 115 runs to avoid a second successive innings defeat so, although showers are forecast today, the West Indies are set for a 10th successive Test victory.

There looked to be some hope for a revival when Wessels and John Dyson, his fellow opener, put on 88 in 141 minutes, but the latter's dismissal, when he was caught off his glove from a rearing delivery by Malcolm Marshall, triggered a familiar slump.

Australia surrendered four wickets in adding 18 runs, opening fears that this Test will follow the pattern of the first in Perth, by ending on the fourth day.

Wessels, having offered almost 21 hours of resistance, sliced Courtney Walsh to deep point. Graeme Wood edged Michael Holding to third slip and Kim Hughes to second slip, both to a Holding delivery that kept lower than he had expected.

Last chance

After scores of 13, 0 and 0, Wessels knew he was on his last chance, yet he played with surprising daring from the outset and, despite a series of cuts and slashes over and through, the six-man slip cordon.

It has become increasingly obvious that Australia's batting woes can be attributed partly, perhaps largely, to an anxiety problem.

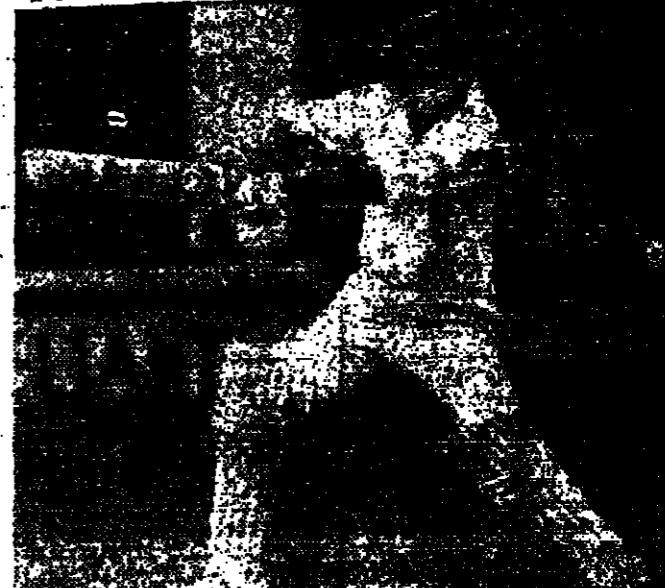
The West Indies' slow over-rates and incessant barrage of speed, with a liberal serving of bouncers and other assorted unplayables, leave the Australians with few deliveries of which they can score.

One of the bowlers best presents is the batsmen understandability are inclined to go after it — and this form of bait is luring them into errors and traps.

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Kepler Wessels, scorer of a defiant 61, Australia struggled against the West Indies.

England worried by Allott strain

By MICHAEL CAREY in Bombay

A DOUBT about the fitness of Paul Allott, allied to unsatisfactory aspects of their match at Rajkot, gave the England party much food for thought when they arrived in Bombay yesterday to prepare for the first Test which starts on Wednesday.

Allott did not bowl on the last day of the drawn match against West Zone, in which Norman Cowans and Richard Ellison formed what was expected to be England's pace attack this week and if the test were starting this morning he would probably be out of the reckoning.

He felt much fitter yesterday after two days rest, however, and England planned two-day practice sessions: possibly tomorrow rather than today to give him still more breathing space.

Mixed feelings

The injury has been variously diagnosed as soreness at the base of the spine or a slightly strained muscle somewhere between the buttocks and hamstring, or a pulled muscle between hip and knee.

Otherwise, England viewed their visit to Rajkot with mixed feelings. Importantly, the pitch was good enough to allow all their batsmen to make runs but ultimately it was too lifeless to give them a serious test and it became like daunting for the bowlers.

Off the field, too, life was some way short of the home comforts that help players to relax as part of their preparation for a Test match. Whilst their accommodation was by no means the most comfortable of us have endured, it is not bad. In fact, England did not write "There's a Small Hotel" while staying in Rajkot.

The match also reinforced the doubt that while the accuracy of Vic Marks played its part in England's containment of West Zone on the third day, he is not likely to be a frequent wicket-taker at the highest level, something the selectors will have to consider when they assess the need for his batting in the middle order.

Options reduced

However, the temporary loss of Martyn Marais and the modest involvement so far of Chris Cowdry have seriously reduced the options open to the selectors.

Both are, of course, an unknown quantity so far. Cowdry might have had a part to play as a batsman who can bowl, especially since three years ago one of his best innings in Kent last summer was played in extremely difficult conditions at Colchester.

Cowdry, however, was nursing a strained groin when he arrived, the result apparently of his pre-training. Now he has not only recovered but is rapidly earning a reputation of being somewhat accident prone.

The other day a box of matches exploded in his hand, necessitating a bandaged finger. And on Saturday, in Sri Lanka he walked on to a live electrical plate near the hotel swimming pool, though fortunately he was wearing footwear at the time.

On Saturday, West Zone declared the match over the day before the main draw Dilip Vengsarkar completed his double century. England then took the opportunity to give their middle and lower-order batsmen the chance to spend time at the crease. At least, that was the intention.

Many an old pro warns against the folly of changing the batting order. This time only Paul Downton, with a steady two-hour record, was most of the benefit. The change in circumstances where concentration could not have been easy.

TEST UMPIRES

The umpires for England's first Test against India in Bombay are Swaran Kumar, who officiated in the previous Test, during England's last visit, and in Canada, one of the men in charge in Rajkot.

Bonds

Champions Hartlepool through in Denny Cup

By OUR BOWLS CORRESPONDENT

HEADED by Hartlepool, the holders, six former Denny Cup champions have battled their way into the last 16 of bowls' national inter-club winter competition.

Of the seven such clubs involved, Crystal Palace were the ones casualty. Cyphers, their rivals of late a mile away, emphasised a formidable strength this winter, with a convincing 30-shot victory.

North Devon, Isla and Kettering each survived lastshot decisions, remarkable endings when one considers that each match involved at least 336 individual deliveries.

Smyth so calm

This was almost the case in Paddington's 3075 victory over Century. Wembly, with Paddington five shots ahead with three games completed, Gerry Smyth and his men still had to play two ends against Tony Garcia.

Earlier, Garcia had recovered from 4-0 to equality. With

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TOM HUTCHINGS, of Crawley, became the first athlete to retain the Preston international cross country title in its 10 year history and led England runners to a clean sweep at Gateshead on Saturday.

Hutchings, fourth in the Olympic 3,000 metres made an early assault for the crown on the hilly, winding 8,000 metres course. A scorching burst destroyed the opposition and laid the foundations for a 150 metres victory in 21' 20" - 44 secs.

A spirited display by Scotland, who followed home former winner Nat Muir, stopped a repeat in the team race. Scotland scored 77 points for a third position and the hosts of England C by seven points.

Kenya, with a weaker team than expected had Yves Ogoita threatening for the first 800 metres before he disappeared.

England's team included experienced athlete and an Olympic steeplechase finalist was their best, taking fourth position.

Had no support and Kenya were well down in sixth place behind national cross country champion and last year's ninth finisher Roger Hackney. England had three of their scorers going through the tape before him.

David Lewis of Rosedale, a consistent second place, and Julian Foster who worked his way through the pack for third position, formed the base. Esmond Martin, of Basildon, completed the 17-strong team score taking fifth place.

PRESTON INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY: 1. Tom Hutchings (C); 2. Nat Muir (S); 3. Tom Hutchings (C); 4. Tom Hutchings (C). 5. A. Wilson (S); 6. Kenya; 7. Scotland; 8. England C; 9. England B; 10. England D.

Ringside challenge

COLEMAN TEST FOR GRAHAM

By PETER KEELING

A TRAINING injury at the weekend to French

Algerian Mourad Serguine, leaves British middle-weight championship challenger, Herol Graham, with a trickier task than expected tonight at the City Hall, Sheffield.

In an effort to maintain faith with the paying public, manager Brendan Ingle has accepted

replacement fight with Northern Ireland light heavyweight champion, Liam Coleman, so Graham will be giving away nearly a stone.

Skelton claimed World Cup points in both Washington and

Baltimore, and a five-point

lead over Austria's Thomas Fruhmann, who was also in yesterday's six-horse jump-off but retired Bandit with two fences down.

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Luton face decision on move

By MICHAEL CALVIN

LUTON are less than a fortnight away from taking an irrevocable decision to leave their cramped Kenilworth Road ground for a multi-purpose stadium in Milton Keynes.

David Evans, the club's new chairman, believes that plans due to be submitted to a Milton Keynes Development Corporation committee on Dec. 7 have a "60-40" chance of being sanctioned.

If they are approved, a Luton Board meeting two days later will confirm the club's readiness to leave by signing a letter of intent.

Mr Evans, 49, elected as chairman after last week's resignation of Denis Mortimer, stressed: "Once we do it, it is curtains for Luton."

He acknowledges that there is significant public hostility to the prospect of the club being uprooted. Protest groups are maintaining their pressure and Mr Mortimer departed because he could not tolerate the personal abuse.

Publicity campaign

Yet, Mr Evans, who played soccer for Aston Villa and cricket with Gloucestershire and Warwickshire, contends that his six-man board have been wrongly vilified. He has launched a publicity campaign centred on a weekly appearance on a local radio station and stresses his willingness to meet disgruntled supporters.

I'm a fan, like them, and I can understand their feelings," he said. "But they have to appreciate the facts of the situation."

The club, losing £300,000 a week, have spent £250,000 investigating 14 alternative sites in the Luton area after learning of a proposal from the County Council road scheme which would take away car parks and sponsors' accommodation at Kenilworth Road.

One site proved suitable but, after fierce opposition from residents, official approval was deferred. Mr Evans is scathing about the stand taken by local councillors and John Carlisle, the local MP, on the the matter.

Major centre

He reckons the Milton Keynes proposal is "fantastic" emphasising that Luton gets only five per cent of the scheme. The complex is planned to include Britain's best indoor athletics track and, as well as offering facilities for many other sports, it is earmarked as a major entertainment centre.

Mr Evans, a director since 1976, rejects suggestions that he is attempting to pressurise Luton Council into helping the club. Tentative moves have been made by local administrators but he dismisses them as "too little, too late."

Luton are likely to be playing at Milton Keynes in 1987.

However, by that time, Mr Evans will have resigned. Two others in charge are waiting for the chairman, he said. "But irrespective of how the issue resolves itself, I want the club to have a First Division team with no borrowings to worry about."

ATTENDANCES FALL

Football League attendances at the weekend's games totalled 400,564, the lowest for a full programme of 46 matches this season and 8,420 below that for the corresponding period a year ago.

1983 1984 Balance
Div. I 220,162 124,353 -25,629
Div. II 110,120 124,353 +14,233
Div. III 28,731 28,460 -179
Total 400,564 409,784 -8,420

Division I and II Review

Rush hurt as Liverpool close gap

CHAMPIONS Liverpool, who last month had slipped as low, briefly, as the relegation zone — encouraging the First Division to believe that someone else could win the title for a change, are impressively on the march again, writes Roger Malone.

Ian Rush, following a 20-win over Ipswich which gives the Merseysiders 13 points from the last five matches, said last night: "We now think we have a chance of keeping the title." Now in eighth place, Liverpool are eight points behind the leaders, Everton, with 38 games remaining.

Liverpool did not need goals from the prolific Rush since Kevin Keegan, who visited from Leicester two matches ago but is kept out by suspension — which increased competition for midfield places, John Wark has responded positively.

His side, having beaten Newcastle, and on Saturday he scored both goals against an outplayed Ipswich, who were indebted to goalkeeper Cooper for keeping the score down.

Divisions III & IV

Senior carries Reading tradition

THERE must be something in the air at Reading which gives strikers encouragement. I recall just after the war a Scot by the illustrious name of Magnus McPhee scoring 53 goals in 90 matches, writes Bill Meredith.

Then came the record-breaking Ron Blackman, whose 156 goals has yet to be bettered at the club, followed by Tommy Dixon, a Scot, whose record was a goal every other game.

More recently Kerr Dixon, a Tottenham reject, flitted across the scene before moving on to Chelsea, where he is now the First Division's leading scorer.

New Trevor Senior leads Reading back into the traditional top four side. He scored 41 goals last season after his move from Portsmouth, and on Saturday weighed in with an impressive 31 in a 3-1 win.

Donald Goodman and Bobby Campbell, now City's 100th and 101st goals, have scored 11 goals in the first 11 minutes, and all three could manage a consolation from Wayne Biggs.

SOUTHAMPTON FACE PLAYER REBELLION

By DONALD SAUNDERS

RUMBLINGS that indicate further trouble down at The Dell will disturb Bobby Robson, England's manager, as much as they will dismay Southampton fans, who are hoping to see the club improve on last season's achievement of finishing as championship runners-up.

At the centre of two evidently unrelated controversies are Mark Wright, England's new, young central defender, and Steve Williams, who has been given a key midfield job by Mr Robson in this autumn's World Cup qualifying campaign.

Wright is reported to have been involved in a dressing room row with Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton manager, and both have said they will demand transfers.

Also, he is aware that, while Wright and Williams need to express themselves, there must be some within the confines of team discipline.

Fundamental fact

Latest reports from The Dell's dressing room must cast doubt on the pair's willingness to accept the fundamental fact of a professional footballer's life.

In the past, Mr McMenemy has succeeded in smoothing matters over, persuading his players to give him 100 per cent on the pitch.

This time, he may be wiser to accept that the fundamental fact of a professional footballer's life.

A goal by central defender

Mark Smith, his first of the season, decided this hard-fought match, which was televised live on ITV.

Smith headed in a 73rd minute free-kick, two minutes after Woodcock had given Arsenal a goal behind the former striker Chapman's fresh hope.

If the manager does put Wright up for sale, Manchester United should well be first in the market. Should Williams be offered soon, Arsenal would probably be among the earliest bidders.

Mr McMenemy is adamant that Wright, at least, will not be released.

Balance needed

On a UEFA Cup visit to Norkoping two years ago, he and Steve Moran were named after a hotel incident, though the Swedish police eventually



DAVENPORT STRIKES FOR FOREST

By ROLAND ORTON
Nottingham Forest ... 2
Leicester ... 1

TWO goals from Peter Davenport brought Nottingham Forest a narrow victory as they came from behind to beat struggling Leicester at the City Ground yesterday.

The game burst to life following a tentative start when after 20 minutes Banks arrived unmarked and the post was sent home Lyne's deep cross for his third goal in successive matches.

Forest were level four minutes later. Riley's long pass downfield was misjudged by Hazel and Davenport ran on to pounce the awkwardly bouncing ball past Andrews.

Another five minutes Forest were unbroken. The ball was passed to have fouled Walsh, and Davenport firmly drove home the penalty for his 10th goal of the season.

Wilson goes close

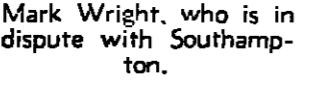
In front of Forest's biggest crowd, 21,465, Leicester had much the better of the second half. Wilson, playing with more power and left-foot efforts from another five minutes, Forest were unbroken. The ball was passed to have fouled Walsh, and Davenport firmly drove home the penalty for his 10th goal of the season.

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Certainly, Mr Robson will be hoping the affair is quickly settled. He knows only too well



Mark Wright, who is in dispute with Southampton

halted investigations into accusations by a young woman.

Last summer, an internal dispute led to Wright's asking for a transfer, a request he withdrew later.

Wright, now 27, has also been at loggerheads from time to time in recent years.

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LUTON NEED SPEEDY AID

Luton ... 2 West Ham ... 2

WEST HAM's relief at salvaging a point could not obscure the urgency of David Pleat's search for two quality players to protect Luton's First Division status, writes Michael Calvin.

Mr Pleat, who missed this key draw to assess the potential of Grimsby's Alan Smith, intends to use the money provided by his reconstituted board to strengthen his attack and midfield.

Yet for all the Luton manager's laudable commitment to attacking football, he may be better advised to strengthen his defence.

Paul Elliott, who will have the pleasure of his broken right leg today, is unlikely to play a relevant role in the immediate battle against relegation and thus Colin Taaffe is near full strength. Taaffe is a natural in defence which may become a liability.

Walford's error

Fortunately West Ham were in a benevolent mood after taking an early lead through Whittle's own goal. An appeal for a penalty was turned down.

Whittle's error continued with a 1-1 win at Stoke, despite his performance not impressing. The manager, Graham Taylor, was not pleased with his handling of a mid-field pass back to a misdirected pass back by Brendan O'Carroll led to Reilly beginning the scoring after 36 minutes.

The knee was making it a little more difficult but it's not a bad injury, he had the

opportunity to score again.

Rush now faces 15-16 possibilities, a short rest, with extra exercises to restore the supports high muscles which have been soothed before the operation, or another operation.

Hughes sent off

Manchester United lost a high-scoring match 5-2 at Sunเดือนที่แล้ว, who have turned Boro's manager, Alan Ball, into a second place ahead of Portsmouth, who drew at Manchester City after leading through

Reith's hat-trick, putting the

Championship's smallest

drawn record.

Reith's hat-trick was Reading's third in the Third Division.

Another striker, who is not a

striker at all, in the news is

Steve Lovell, who has rallied

from a bad start to

lead the Third Division after

Archie Stephens had shot Lovell.

But Millwall's lead is slender,

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Lombard RAC Rally**VATANEN LEADS BUT BRITONS WELL PLACED**

By COLIN DRYDEN

DESPITE a disastrous start by Tony Pond, British drivers did well in the opening stages of the Lombard RAC Rally yesterday, with three of them in the first ten.

A favourite to win the Group A category for the least modified cars, although not being a great lover of the event which has to be tackled without previous practice, Pond crashed on the first stage.

He had covered two out of their 500 miles of special stages in the 2,000 mile event. "I just don't know how I did it. I was taking it very easy," he said after his Rover Vitess was severely damaged following a crash at a right hand corner on the Knowsley stage, near Liverpool.

As expected, the "Flying Finn" Ari Vatanen, took an early lead in his Peugeot 205 T16 although the Audi Quattros of Michèle Mouton, of France, and veteran Hans Mikkola were close behind.

Bjorn Waldegard was also well placed in the smaller, less powerful two-wheel-drive category. The Swede Mikkola shared the same time after six special stages.

25,000 crowd

An estimated 35,000 people saw Vatanen lead from the starting ramp at 8 a.m. yesterday morning. Big crowds gathered at the Knowsley special stage while the town centre of Buxton was crowded with spectators.

The weather was cold and dry for the tarmac special stages and there were few casualties apart from the unfortunate Tony Pond.

Malcolm Wilson, Audi Quattro was the leading British driver, followed by Russell Brooks, Jimmy McRae, both in Opel Manta.

Roger Clark, who won the event for Ford in 1972 and 1976, has come out of his rallying retirement for the gruelling event and was third overall yesterday after six special stages in his Rothmans Porsche 911 SCRS.

Professional Positions (after 6 specials)
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TELEVISION — MONDAY

GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Nick Ross. 9.15 a.m. Marshall's Everday Yoga, rpt. 9.10-9.40 Food and Fitness from Atlantic College, South Glamorgan, rpt. (Carter, Attick). 10.20 News, Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only). Financial Report and the latest trends in business and finance. 1.15 Snooker: The United Kingdom Championship, from the Guild Hall, Preston. 2.45 The Hunter. 4.15 A Little Princess, by French novelist Burnett, read by Jane Arden. 4.30 Laurel and Hardy, rpt. 4.45 Dungeons and Dragons. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.35 Blue Peter (Cefax subtitles). 5.50 Gloria (Cefax subtitles). 5.58 Weather.

6.00 NEWS.

6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

BBC-2

8.15 a.m. Daytime on Two, a run of short educational programmes for children and adults, mostly repeats. 3 The Big Book of Music. Start of a repeat of six award-winning films in which David Dimbleby explores tribal art. 3.50 Championship Snooker: the United Kingdom Championship, from the Guild Hall, Preston. 5.25 News, Weather. 5.30 Hey Look ... That's Me! First shown on BBC South.

6.00 JUPITER'S DARLING (1955). Can you imagine a youngish Howard Keel as Hannibal, leading his troops to victory? Well, all on ancient Rome but eventually postponing the battle for a little dalliance with swimming star Esther Williams as a beautiful Roman temptress? If you can, then you may well enjoy this lavish musical historical spoof, complete with George Sanders and some splendid dance routines from Gower Champion.

7.35 KEN HOM'S CHINESE COOKERY — Meat. This week he prepares chilli pork (parcibus, hot and sour kidneys) and steamed meatballs, as well as visiting a soya sauce factory.

8.00 TO THE MANOR BORN—Repeat.

8.55 BARTY WITH McCARTNEY—Paul McCartney talks about his career.

7.40 GET SET GO!—With Michael Barrymore.

8.10 PANORAMA—Scandal Down Under. As Australia prepares to go to the polls this week, Tom Maugold investigates the allegations of crime and corruption that have been made against lawyers, businessmen and trades unionists in the country.

9.00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9.25 "FROM HELL TO VICTORY" (1979). Fairly routine war-time adventure film involving six friends of various nationalities who rendezvous annually in their favourite cafe in Paris. But the year is 1959 and the coming war is about to change all their lives. Star-studded cast including George Peppard, George Hamilton, Sam Wanamaker, Capucine and Horst Buchholz.

11.05 CHAMPIONSHIP SNOOKER—The United Kingdom Championship: highlights of today's second round matches at the Guild Hall, Preston. 12.10 News Headlines, Weather.

8.30 LAME DUCKS—Drake, Angie and their friends are invited to a "make-in-sell-out" party by Mrs Kelly but Angie is none too impressed and decides to leave the group for good.

9.00 LAUGH!! I NEARLY PAID MY LICENCE FEE!

9.25 HORIZON—Global Village. In the Indian village of Manikonda, Bombyil films, educational programme, and British television comedies are now part of rural life there. The programme shows how Mrs. Gandhi always believed that the communications technology had a vital role to play in the development of her country where three out of four people are illiterate. But can it help raise the living standards of the poor? The programme visits Manikonda to investigate.

10.15 FRANK DELANEY—Tonight he explores the gulf between men and women writers, with Fay Weldon, Martin Amis, Michelle Roberts and Malcolm Bradbury.

10.50 NEWSPIGHT.

11.35 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT—The second day of the Lombard RAC Rally.

11.45-12.15 a.m. BUONGIORNO ITALIA!

7.30 CORONATION STREET. (Oracle subtitles)

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION SPECIAL — Kidnapping. An intriguing special edition following the case of a father who has been kidnapped by his mother and taken abroad. There is soon to be a change in the law which will make parental kidnapping a criminal offence, but many still believe it will be of little help to the estimated 3,000 British parents whose children are already missing abroad.

9.00 QUINCY—Give Me Your Weak. The crusading medico takes on the large pharmaceutical companies this week when he tries to force them to continue to offer unprofitable products.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10.30 THE LATE NANCY IRVING—A millionaire, who suffers from a rare blood disease and needs a constant supply of fresh blood, kidnaps a lady golfer to help keep her supply going. Christina Rainier is the unfortunate woman in question. With Marita Gorring and Simon Williams.

11.55 THE BOUNDER—Raffles. Repeat.

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS, with Katharine Whitehorn.

only occasionally funny and certainly never lived up to early expectations. Tonight Truscott marshals his army in an operation designed to weed out decadent scum.

9.00 THE ALGERIAN WAR—To the Barricades. Tonight's programme focuses on the increasing disillusionment with de Gaulle's policies among European settlers and the Army in Algeria, which eventually led to rebellion and rioting and the formation of the OAS in 1961.

10.00 ST. ELSEWHERE—Attack. A masked rapist terrorises the female staff of St. Eligius and the hospital authorities are soon under pressure to tighten up security.

10.55-11.35 UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN—A group of men recall their childhoods, all of which were marked by trauma, anxiety and illness which affected their later lives.

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Channel 4

2.30 p.m. Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War—Days of Decade 3 The Late Late Show. 4.45 Countdown. 5 Alice. 5.30 Black and White and Read All Over.

5.00 COUNTING ON—Repeat. With Fred Harris.

6.30 GALLÉRY—Humphrey Lyttelton and Philip Core join regulars Maggie Hambling and Frank Whitford in another edition of the art quiz hosted by George Melly.

7.00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS: at 7.50 Comment by Hugo de Burgh, and Weather.

8.00 BROOKSIDE.

8.30 FAIRLY SECRET ARMY—When the Talking Had to Stop. Final part of a series which has been

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

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TUE. 7.00 ROBERT LEONARD.

SAT. 7.00 PATIENCE. Wed.

SUN. 7.00 COST FAN TUTTE.

MON. 7.00 DON CARLO.

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BIRTHS

BARNES—On Nov. 23 at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnes, a brother of Sir Edward Charles Oswald, a brother of Sir John.

CHADWICK—On Nov. 23, at Luton General Hospital, Bedfordshire, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Chadwick, a brother of Sir Alan.

CHESTER—On Nov. 23 at Dulwich Hospital, London, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chester.

CHURCHILL—On Nov. 23 at Heywood Hospital, Greater Manchester, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Churchill, a son of Sir Winston Churchill.

DENTON—On Nov. 23 at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Denton, a son of Sir Alan Denton.

HOPKINS—On Nov. 23 at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hopkins, a son of Sir Alan Hopkins.

LEPPAL—On Nov. 23 at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Leppal.

NEWTON—On Nov. 23 at King's College Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Newton, a son of Sir Alan Newton.

PEARSON—On Nov. 23 at Hammersmith Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pearson, a son of Sir Alan Pearson.

SAINFORD—On Nov. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sainford, a son of Sir Alan Sainford.

STANLEY—On Nov. 23 at Oldham Royal Infirmary, Lancashire, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stanley, a son of Sir Alan Stanley.

MARRIAGES

BRETT-PHARAOH—On Nov. 23 at St. Michael's, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Brett, a son of Sir Alan Brett, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brett, a daughter of Sir Alan Brett.

RUBY WEDDING

BRITTON-PHARAOH—On Nov. 23 at St. Michael's, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Britton, a son of Sir Alan Britton, and Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, a daughter of Sir Alan Britton.

DEATHS

BANCHMILL—On Nov. 23 in hospital, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Banchmill, a son of Sir Alan Banchmill and his wife, a member of Parliament.

BARKER—On Nov. 23 at Cheltenham General Hospital, Gloucestershire, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Barker, a son of Sir Alan Barker.

BENNETT—On Nov. 23 at Barmouth, Gwynedd, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bennett, a son of Sir Alan Bennett.

BUCKLEY—On Nov. 23 at Barmouth, Gwynedd, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Buckley, a son of Sir Alan Buckley.

CARTER—On Nov. 23 at Old Charlton, Croydon, Surrey, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Carter, a son of Sir Alan Carter.

COOPER—On Nov. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cooper, a son of Sir Alan Cooper.

DAVIES—On Nov. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Davies, a son of Sir Alan Davies.

FRANCIS—On Nov. 23 peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Francis, a son of Sir Alan Francis.

PEARCE—On Nov. 23 at Hammersmith Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pearce, a son of Sir Alan Pearce.

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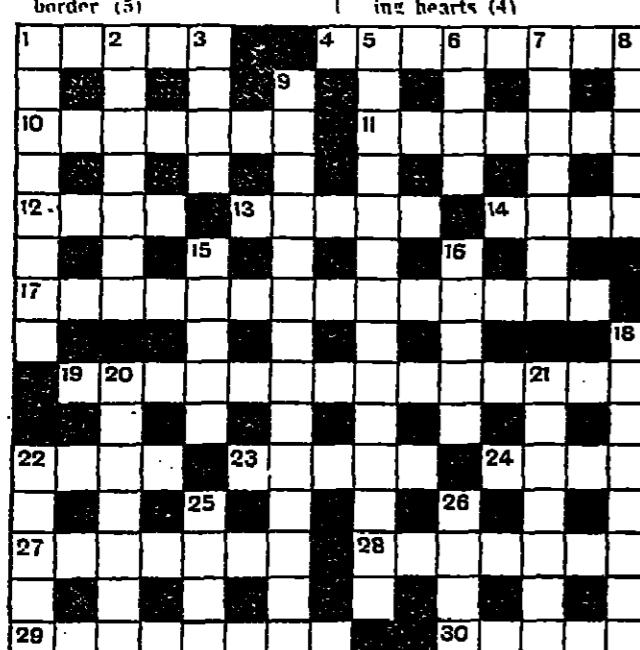
THOMAS—On Nov. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thomas, a son of Sir Alan Thomas.

WHITE—On Nov. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan White, a son of Sir Alan White.

WILSON—On Nov. 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wilson, a son of Sir Alan Wilson.

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PIT WORKERS' PROTECTION UNDER REVIEW

By NICHOLAS COMPTON Political Staff

THE Prime Minister and Cabinet colleagues are expected to review police arrangements for protecting working miners against attack by violent pickets when they meet at Downing Street today.

They should have before them Home Office reports on the incidents in which one working Yorkshire miner was attacked in his home, and another had his bungalow burnt down.

Ministers will also be eyeing today's return to work figures and will be greatly concerned if they suggest that acts of violence are deterring miners who want to go back from doing so.

Although Mr Arthur Scargill, miners' union president, has now disowned acts of violence against miners returning to work, Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, is likely after today's meeting to call for a more explicit condemnation from the union's leadership.

Ministers are beginning to see the slow return to work as vindication of the insistence ignored by the strike leadership—that the union should hold a national ballot.

'Revolution of attitudes'

They are casting it in the same terms as the collapse last week of the Austin Rover strike after the company went to court to insist on a ballot and the workers went back when unions refused to hold one.

Air King, Employment Secretary, argued at the weekend that the "violence and misery" of the pit dispute had affected both the relationship of unions and management, and the relations of union members with their own leaders.

"Nothing demonstrated this more clearly than the collapse of the abortive and undemocratic

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'Get rid of Scargill'

his family unless he stopped work.

After inspecting the burnt-out shell of his home yesterday Mr Spencer said: "I am not going to bow down to this. I have no intention of rejoining the strike, which is pointless."

His wife and daughter will stay with friends at a secret address.

Last Thursday Pontefract magistrates remanded on bail 11 men all thought to be miners, from Frickley, South Yorkshire, charged with compelling Mr Spencer to abstain from performing his work as a

Nine men are to appear in court today at Pontefract charged in connection with the baseball bat attack on Mr Fletcher, police said last night.

The men, being held at a number of police stations in West Yorkshire, have been charged with offences including aggravated burglary, affray and assault.

In North Wales yesterday, a man was found hanging outside the home of the area's moderate NUM leader, Mr Ted McKay.

Mr McKay, 50, an executive member of the union, lives with his family in a flat attached to the NUM offices in Bradley Road, Wrexham.

They found the noose in an upstairs window of the office overlooking their home when they returned after twice being forced to stay with relatives because of threats of violence.

Mr McKay was still at his home last night but his wife, Irene, daughter Amanda, 18, and nine-year-old son, Ian, were back in bidie.

In Scotland five people are to appear in court today in connection with an attack on

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